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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Hongkong Civic Association

IN the four months since its formation, the Hongkong Civic Association has made a cautious and unpretentious entry into the realm of local affairs. There has been none of the bombast and tub-thumping usually associated with the emergence of a new political organisation. So far the Civic Association has been content to announce its objects of association and has since provided some thoughtful considerations on Hongkong's rice policy.

Over the week-end the Association issued its first newsletter and the general public now has an opportunity to study its aims and ideals in greater detail. Caution and moderation, it would appear, are two fundamental precepts which govern the attitude of the new organisation.

This is largely dictated by the fact that in seeking to pursue its aims "to create and mould public opinion on matters such as the cost of living, education, housing, the refugee and squatter problems and the stimulation of local industry" the Association realises the need for "careful scrutiny" and its newsletter observes: "It would be foolish to announce a platform on them so soon after our formation".

PRIMARILY the most welcome feature of the new Association is that its formation provides evidence of a growing interest in civic affairs by the Hongkong community. Secondly, its newsletter contains a number of rational and balanced assessments of conditions in this Colony and only a brief glance at its 12-column bulletin is sufficient to show that radicalism and impetuosity have no part in its policies.

In a brief analysis of the Reform Club platform and the aims and objectives of its own organisation, the Civic Association stresses there is a fundamental difference between the two bodies on the question of local franchise. The Civic Association is "firmly opposed to any immediate large-scale extension of the franchise. It is much more vitally important at this stage that the existing franchise acquire a greater degree of political awareness so that its scope of activities may be expanded," the newsletter states.

IN view of the existing British Government policy, this is a welcome pronouncement. It amounts to a logical and sensible acceptance of the present policy and the conditions existing in the Colony. Development of political consciousness is an essential preliminary to political advancement.

The Civic Association also outlines four stages of progress following the establishment of a legislature—the formation of an electorate (Hongkong is therefore in this stage), the control of the legislature by the electorate, the control of the executive by the legislature and the establishment of independence from the metropolitan government.

This it states rather as a generally than as this Colony's predestined course. For even though it is hard to see Hongkong attaining the fifth stage it may nevertheless pass through part of the same evolutionary process. However, a full public understanding of the development entailed in the likely political transition of Hongkong is essential. Any organisation that seeks to promote this understanding deserves welcome and encouragement.

New Job For Gen. Templer Reported

London, Mar. 6. General Sir Gerald Templer—the man who trounced the Communists in Malaya—goes to a new job tomorrow, Monday: Special Adviser to Defence Minister Harold MacMillan on subversion in the British colonies.

The General who turned what looked like an endless battle against the Malayan terrorists into almost complete victory, has been on leave recovering from a tropical disease since last June.

The new job, according to sources close to the government, will involve co-ordinating defence throughout the colonial territories against Communism and terrorism.

The appointment, made at the personal request of Mr. MacMillan, emphasises the government's fear that Communists will turn increasingly to infiltration, guerrilla warfare, terrorism and banditry as the danger of an out and out hot war becomes greater.

KENYA FIRST?

General Templer's first job is expected to be in Kenya where the government hopes he will be able to clean up the Mau Mau terror with the same tactics he used in Malaya—small, closely-knit military units, psychological warfare to counter terrorist propaganda, and a system of rewards.



GENERAL TEMPLER

General Templer's appointment brought applause from Kenya's hard-pressed settlers tonight.

A spokesman in Nairobi summed up their feelings with, "Just what we have been waiting for."

Nearly two years ago Wilfrid Havelock, now Minister for Local Government in Kenya, said: "Kenya needs a Templer," and the slogan became a battle-cry in the European community.

How long will General Templer stay at the anti-subversion job? Government sources said tonight that it is likely to last less than a year—just long enough to get the system organised.

After that General Templer will probably be appointed Chief of the Imperial General Staff in succession to General Sir John Harding who retires in November.

An announcement will probably be made shortly.—London Express Service.

"NO INFORMATION"

Nairobi, Mar. 6. A report that General Sir Gerald Templer, former British Commissioner in Malaya, is to fly to Kenya "to study the Mau Mau war" was denied by a government spokesman here tonight.

He said "the Kenya government has no information of any report to that effect."

The report appeared in the London Sunday Express, which said General Templer would find out why the "war" had dragged on so long in Kenya. It added, "he will find out why the army, settlers and police have not worked together to full satisfaction."

Commenting on the report that General Templer was investigating problems of colonial defence, the newspaper said he had been moved from the War Office to the Defence Ministry by Sir Winston Churchill.—Reuter.

MISSING US PLANE FOUND

CRASHES IN MOUNTAINS OF FORMOSA

Hongkong Aircraft Join In Widespread Search

THE WRECKAGE OF THE MISSING US AIR FORCE C-54 TRANSPORT PLANE HAS BEEN LOCATED IN MOUNTAINOUS COUNTRY 38 MILES NORTH OF THE SOUTHERN TIP OF FORMOSA NEAR THE TOWN OF HENG CHUNG. IT WAS OFFICIALLY STATED IN HONGKONG THIS AFTERNOON. NO OTHER DETAILS ARE KNOWN.

Search for the missing plane continued this morning, two Hornets and a Sunderland flying boat of the RAF joining in the hunt.

The Hornets returned at 11.30 a.m., and reported no result. The Sunderland continued the search.

Col O'Wighton D. Simpson, US Air Liaison Officer stationed in Hongkong, said early this morning he had received no further news about the missing transport plane.

THE GAZA INCIDENT

Armistice Commission Finds Israel Guilty

Gaza, Mar. 6.

The Mixed Armistice Commission found Israel guilty of an attack against Egypt on the night of February 28 in the Gaza region at a meeting in the Sinai Desert near here today.

The Commission rejected an Israeli complaint alleging a series of provocative acts by Egypt. The Commission ruled there was not sufficient evidence to back up the Israeli contention.

The Commission, which reached its decision after a tense eight-hour meeting, condemned the Israeli attack as "brutal". The Commission said it felt "grave anxiety over the serious situation resulting from this attack."

Salah Gohar, Palestine Affairs Minister, expressed his satisfaction over the decision. He said that Israel's complaint against Egypt was only a "delaying tactic designed to hold up the vote in the (United Nations) Security Council."

The curfew imposed here last week after the clash between Egyptian and Israeli troops near the demarcation line was still in force tonight.

Armed patrols maintained a constant guard in the Gaza streets. No further trouble was reported from the Arab refugee quarters and secondary schools in the town are to be reopened tomorrow morning.

European residents—mostly families of United Nations Refugee Organisation officials—were warned to stay at home and guard their doors.—France-Press.

PREMEDITATED

Jerusalem, Mar. 6. The attack on Egyptian forces near Gaza last week was launched by a heavily armed Israeli unit estimated at two platoons which penetrated more than three miles within Egyptian territory, United Nations Truce Supervision Headquarters reported tonight.

Details of the attack were ascertained by United Nations military observers here. These details formed the basis of today's Mixed Armistice Commission's condemnation of Israel's "brutal" attack last Monday night.

The unit, belonging to the regular Israeli Army, was armed with rifles, light automatic sub-machine guns, mortars, bazookas, hand grenades, "Bangalore torpedoes" and some 200 lbs. of explosives, according to the report, attacked the Egyptian military camp, blowing up a stone building, four Nissan cars and a concrete water pump house.

Another regular Israeli Army unit was reported to have penetrated into Egyptian territory and ambushed a military truck.

"TEDDY GIRL" TERRORISTS

Liverpool, Mar. 6.

Police patrols here are trying to stamp out gangs of "teddy girls" who are terrorising men and youths in the tougher parts of this trans-Atlantic seaport terminal.

Some of the girls are reported to carry bicycle chains wrapped around their manicured fingers. Knuckle dusters are also in favour and head-butting is a favourite form of attack. The girls operate in packs. Their victims are often young men friends seen out with other girls.

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The aircraft left Okinawa early yesterday morning for Hongkong, carrying a replacement engine for the US Air Force Dakota which had to return to Hongkong on Friday because of engine trouble.

The Royal Navy destroyer, HMS Concord, left Hongkong yesterday to assist in the search for the missing C-54 and is still at sea.

Planes of the US Air Force based on Formosa and Okinawa are also taking part in the widespread search.

A United Press report from Taipei quotes a US Air Force spokesman as saying that the C-54 may have crashed either in the mountains of Southern Formosa or into the sea.

The four-engined plane was last heard from at 10.38 a.m., yesterday near the southern tip of Formosa, when its pilot made a check with the radio tower at Hengchung. In a 16-minute talk with the tower operator, the pilot made no mention of trouble.

United Press adds that a spokesman at Clark Field, in the Philippines said, the plane was also carrying 14 persons. None of those aboard was identified by name, but so far as was known, there were no VIPs among them.

TWO PLANES DIVERTED
Two Hongkong-bound planes from Tokyo were diverted to Manila after circling over the Colony for two hours because of fog this morning.

The planes, a BOAC and a PAA, were scheduled to arrive at 9 a.m. today.

Man Lives After Freak Accident

London, Mar. 6.

A young steeplejack, in hospital in Bradford today, has three cuts to remind him of the "three lives" in one of England's most freakish accidents in years.

Eighteen-year-old Billy Harrison and his mate, Kevin Hadley, fell from the top of a 75-foot chimney at Brighouse Gas works yesterday when a heavy stone smashed through their scaffolding.

Hadley fell on to a roof and was badly hurt, but Harrison landed in a deep water tank 40 feet below.

He was unable to move—did not drown as the stone had almost smashed through the tank, and the water drained away.

But within minutes Harrison was choking—the stone had also fractured a six-inch gas main in the works below and the gas swirled into the water tank.

Firemen reached him as he was about to succumb to the fumes.

At Bradford Royal Infirmary today it was stated that Harrison, suffering from shock, would probably be discharged within a few days—with three small scars.—China Mail Special.

Snow & Ice Return To England

London, Mar. 6.

Snow and ice returned to London and Southeast England last night after last week's spell of springlike sunshine.

Heavy snowfalls were reported from the East Coast, but in London the fall was slight and soon vanished in the morning sun.

In the Peak district of Derbyshire, snow was falling thickly today and police said conditions were very bad. Motorists were warned that snow masses loomed by a thaw might send dangerous avalanches crashing on to roads in Northern England.

More snow showers and frost were forecast for most of the country today.—Reuter.

OHIO FLOODS

Chicago, Mar. 6. The flooding Ohio River rolled into low-lying areas of river towns in Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana today and chased hundreds more persons from their homes. But much colder and drier weather moved into the Ohio Valley and it appeared that most river communities would escape major flood.

The cold, which pushed temperatures into the 20s in the Middle West, covered much of the country except for the East and deep South.

New York City was plagued by a thick fog that cancelled many airline flights, slowed harbour traffic and made driving hazardous. A rash of car accidents killed one person and injured 15.

The Ohio, swollen by heavy rains and melting snow, crested at Pittsburgh and began falling there, but the crest was rolling downstream.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

MURDER TRIAL VERDICT

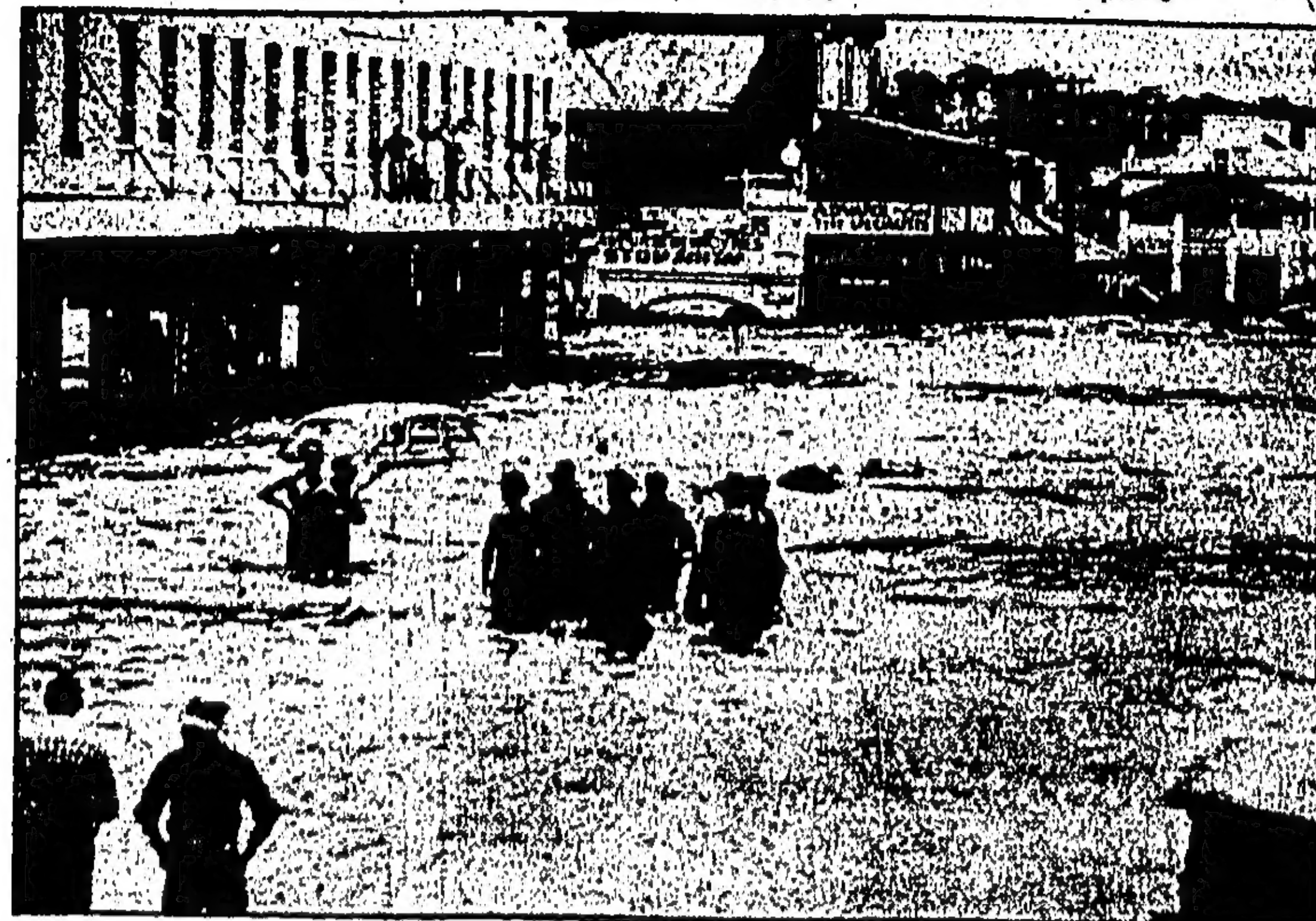
Unanimous verdicts of guilty were returned by the jury early this afternoon at the trial of two men charged with the murder of Police Constable Lul Shing in Kowloon on December 6 last.

Mr Justice Greer passed the death sentence on each of the two accused, Yam Kwan-pak, 20, and Ho Kwong-lung, 24. (See also Back Page)

HK Ship Fired Upon

The Western Steamship Company, Hongkong, reported early this morning that the ship fired upon by a Nationalist gunboat, a statement released by the Royal Navy said this afternoon. The Western's position at that time was 24 degrees 50' north 119 degrees 10' east.

A British warship has been dispatched to her assistance, the statement added.



Top picture shows rescue workers wading through the flooded High Street in Maitland, NSW. Above, panic-stricken women flee from the rising waters.—Reuterphoto.

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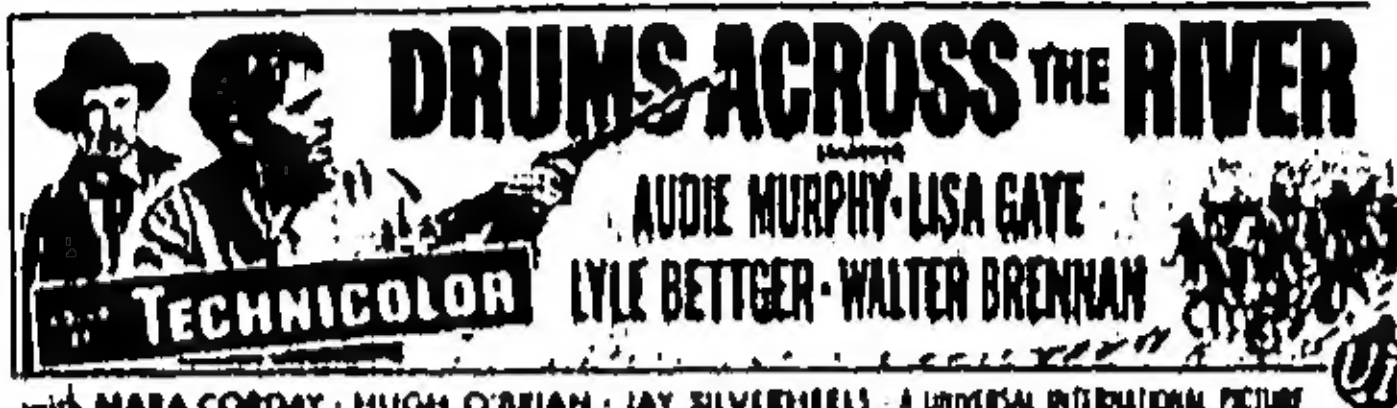
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Tomorrow's Chinese film in Mandarin Dialogue
LILI-WA in "THE BEAUTY AND THE BEAST"

Spain could double NATO

Pancake Tossing Elephant



Grim determination makes amends for any lack of grace as Rosie, the Bristol Zoo elephant, employs a trunk-ful of energy in tossing a pancake. Considering her weight, it is hardly surprising that she was not entered for any Shrove Tuesday race. — Reuterphoto.

Trouble Expected Over Ratification Of Paris Treaties

Hamburg, Mar. 6.

Dr Thomas Dehler, the Chairman of the Free Democrats, said here today it is not only the Russians' fault that Germany was partitioned.

Dr Dehler, whose party is the second largest in the Government coalition of Dr Konrad Adenauer, the Chancellor, was attending a meeting of the Hamburg Free Democrats.

His party agreed with the Social Democrats, Dr Dehler said, on the need for negotiations with the Soviet Union on German reunification.

HELP OF RUSSIANS
The Free Democrats had always urged Dr Adenauer to press for such negotiations, since German unity could be achieved only with the help of the Russians.

Almost a decade had been wasted in seeking such talks, Dr Dehler said.

The Free Democrats believed the Saar statute should be changed. France should be offered economic help instead of using the Saar as a means of reparations.

He believed the Paris treaties would set out with difficulties in their ratification process.

Turning to domestic affairs, Dr Dehler said the Free Democrats wished to stay in the Government coalition. But he also believed the opposition must co-operate in working out the bills by which the Paris treaties must be put into effect.

Ministers who no longer enjoyed the confidence of their Parliamentary parties could not remain in the Cabinet, Dr Dehler said. This was an obvious reference to the Vice-Chancellor, Herr Erwin Bauch, who offered his resignation to Dr Adenauer last Monday.

He was the only one of this Party's Ministers to vote for the

Saar agreement. A meeting of the Free Democrats Parliamentary Party next Wednesday is expected to vote upon a motion censuring him.

Serious conflict could be expected, Dr Dehler said, if Dr Adenauer were to attempt to retain Herr Bauch in the Cabinet against the decision of the Parliamentary Party. The executive of the Christian Democratic Parliamentary Party is due to meet tomorrow to discuss the tension within the Government coalition.—Reuter.

NEW DEAL FOR THE COLONIES

Geneva, Mar. 6.

The United Kingdom today was granted a "wider" by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade giving it preferential treatment for Empire goods which amounts to a new deal for the colonies.

This decision was taken at the current session of GATT when 23 out of the 34 member nations of the Agreement voted in favour of the British request.

This will mean that more citrus fruits, bananas and other agricultural products will be on sale in British shops. The West Indies and British Guiana will be the colonies mainly benefiting from the British victory.

Mr Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade is the main architect of the British demand inside GATT for preferential treatment for Empire products.—United Press.

German Party May Dispute Saar Treaty

Bonn, Mar. 6.

The opposition Social Democratic Party is considering lodging a complaint against the Franco-German Saar agreement with the Constitutional Court at Karlsruhe, according to Party sources here tonight.

Under the Saar agreement concluded last October in Paris as part of the Paris treaties reuniting West Germany, the Saar is to be placed under a European commissioner.

Its West German opponents claim it is tantamount to a final partition of the Saar from Germany. Further, they say, West Germany can make no final decisions on German territory until an all-German government could do so.—Reuter.

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LACK TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT SAYS ENVOY

New York, Mar. 6.

The Spanish Ambassador, Mr Jose Maria Arellano, said yesterday that Spain had the manpower to almost double the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation army.

He estimated that the European Communist armies total 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 men whereas NATO has about 400,000 men. The nuclear power of the United States is the only balancing factor, he added.

"Spain has under arms 350,000 men, or from 15 to 20 divisions," he said in a speech to members of New York City's University Club.

"They lack equipment and modern training but they have spiritual power and high morale. They have had the unique experience of fighting and winning against Communism. They would fight to the last man."

"MOST RELIABLE"

Mr Arellano called Spain the most reliable ally of the United States in the West.

"We are a peace-loving country," he said. "We have achieved the miracle of coming out of our civil war with 1,000,000 casualties and yet, 15 years later, we believe the scars of war have practically disappeared. We have brought up our children not in hatred, but in forgiveness."

The Ambassador said it would take five or six years to complete a programme of economic improvement for his country. During this period, he said, Spain will welcome United States investment and assistance. He explained that the Spanish Government hoped to make it possible for investors not only to recover their capital but, to a limited extent, to convert their earnings into dollars.

The Ambassador said Spain needed \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000 for railway development, \$50,000,000 for outside purchase of highway building equipment, and another \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 a year for expansion of power facilities.

NEED HALF

He pointed out that Spain now has about 6,000,000 persons of its 29,000,000 population engaged in agricultural production, whereas not more than half that number could produce the same amount with modern methods and mechanical devices.

The Envoy, commenting on Spain's credit position, said that his country is regularly paying off a bank loan in the United States and also has a loan outstanding with Argentina. In connection with the Argentine loan of \$2,700,000 pesos for purchase of wheat in 1947, he said there had been difficulty about the terms of repayment but that he expected the matter to be straightened out "within a few weeks."

"Spain is a good payer," he added smilingly, "but I'm not asking a loan now."

Mr Arellano explained that although Spain is a European state, it has strong cultural, historical and spiritual ties with American nations, and has had close ties with Arab peoples for 700 years.

"That co-existence (with the Arabs) left profound roots in the soul of Spain," he said. "There is very friendly co-operation with the Arab states in the Mediterranean area."

He predicted that at least 300,000 U.S. tourists would visit Spain this year, as against about 225,000 last year.

"We have no curtain," he said. "We welcome visitors."

NAVAL OFFICERS

The ambassador was introduced at the luncheon meeting by Admiral Paulus Prince Powell, who recalled the excellent record made by Spanish naval officials at the U.S. Naval Academy.

He also said that during World War II when he was connected with the Allied underground in Spain, the Allies never lost a man due to betrayal by a Spaniard.—United Press.

JEWISH CLAIMS

Austria Will Not Yield To Threats

Vienna, Mar. 6.

The Austrian Chancellor, Herr Julius Raab, said tonight that Austria would not be influenced by "intimidation and threats" in dealing with Jewish claims for losses under the Nazi occupation.

He declared in a broadcast that "exaggerated" claims and anti-Austrian actions have only delayed an agreement. The claims could only be dealt with under restitution laws, adopted to compensate those who suffered from the effects of the German annexation of Austria. Such laws were intended for all politically persecuted people without regard to religion, race and language, Herr Raab said.

NO CAPABLE STATE

There was no Austrian state during the Nazi era capable of preventing atrocities committed during that time. "Therefore our readiness to indemnify these victims represents a social measure to lighten the burden of our former citizens."

"Our contribution must not be taken as full compensation at the damage, for which nobody can hold us legally responsible," Herr Raab declared.—Reuter.

Attempt On Himalayan Mountain

Calcutta, Mar. 6.

Mr Alfred Gregory, leader of the five-man British team which will attempt to climb 29,400-foot high Mount Gaurishankar this spring, today stated that while the expedition was not particularly looking for an Abominable Snowman, it will be glad if it finds one.

Mr Gregory, who arrived here by air today, leaves tomorrow for Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal, where he will pick up the other members of his team, who landed at Bombay this week.

Mr Gregory also said that he expected the ascent of Gaurishankar would be very difficult as the expedition is going to use new routes to get to the summit. He was a member of the successful Everest team of 1953.—France-Press.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

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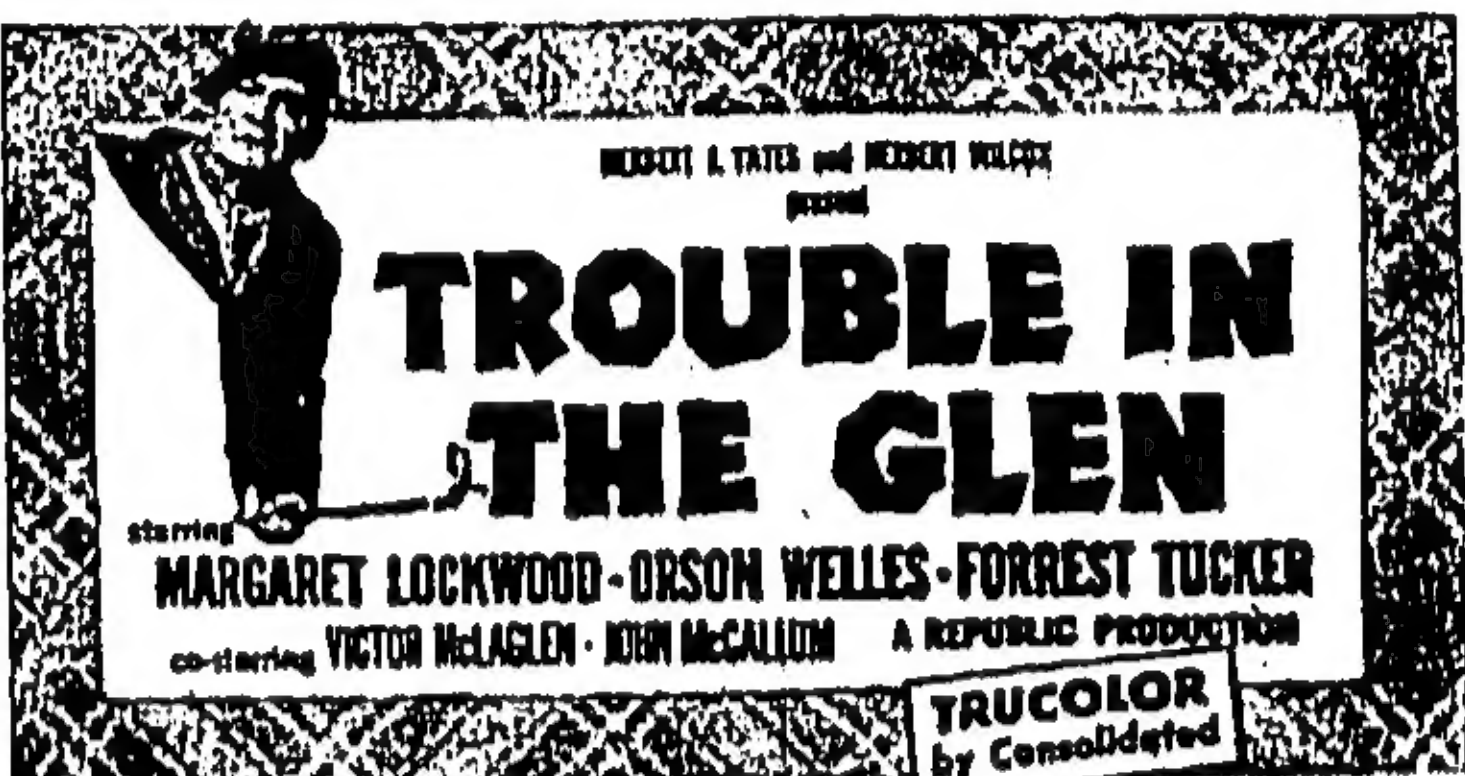
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Unified Command For Egypt, Syria And Saudi Arabia

Cairo, Mar. 6.

Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia announced today that they would place their armed forces under unified command, ready to act as one against anyone who attacks any of the three Arab nations.

The three-nation alignment was regarded as a threat to Israel, which was formally blamed today for Monday's attack on Egyptian-held Gaza. A joint communique announcing the unification plan said also that none of the three nations would join the recently-ratified Iraqi-Turkish defensive alliance or "any other pact."

The treaty between Turkey and Iraq was hotly protested against by other Arab nations, especially Egypt.

In a joint communique, Egypt and Syria announced their agreement to place their military, political and economic co-operation.

COMPLETE ADHERENCE
A second communique from Saudi Arabia announced its complete adherence to the Egyptian-Syrian accord. The three nations announced that they had agreed on a commitment for joint action to repel any aggression of a member State in the alliance. They agreed to form a permanent joint command, with

central headquarters, to control the training, arming, organizing and employment of the armed forces which the members would place at the disposal of the unified command.

The Central Command also would co-ordinate arms production and military communications.

The communique said the three nations would not conclude any other international military or political agreements without the consent of other member States.

The agreement also provided for "consolidation of economic co-operation between member States in preparation for overall economic unity."

In the economic field, the agreement prescribed the following steps:

1. Establishment of an "Arab bank" to issue unified Arab currency.
2. Elimination or drastic reduction of Customs duties on local products and manufactured goods.
3. Formation of companies with joint capital investment of Arab nations to undertake large-scale agricultural, industrial and transport projects.
4. Establishment of an "Arab Economic Council" to promote these plans.—United Press.

VIETNAM, FRANCE TALKS DEADLOCK

Hanoi, Mar. 6.

The economic negotiations between France and the Government controlling North Vietnam on the future of French concerns in Tonkin seem to have reached a deadlock.

The main obstacles facing the negotiators—M. Jean Sainteny, head of the French mission here, and Ho Chi Minh Government officials were:

1. The question of the legal ownership of the coal deposits under Tonkin soil—up till now exploited by the French Tonkin Collieries.
2. The question of material supplied by the United States under the Economic Aid Programme—before the Korean Armistice.

The French Authorities said they would hand this material—mechanical shovels, lorries and mining instruments—back to the U.S. They wish to receive it from North Vietnam soil before the evacuation of Hanoi later this year.

VITALLY NEEDED
The North Vietnam Authorities claim this former U.S. material is vitally needed for the exploitation of the Tonkin coal mines and wish to keep it. The latest reports suggest that the North Vietnam Authorities may agree to part of the material being removed to be eventually replaced by French equipment.

The North Vietnam negotiators have shown since the talks opened here three months ago that they were most anxious to reach a settlement with France. They need France to help rebuild their war-ravaged territory—both from the economic and purely technical standpoint.

The North Vietnam authorities are also anxious to import radio equipment, medical products, automobiles and rolling stock from France and are aware that these goods may not be forthcoming if the current economic negotiations were to break down.—France-Press.

Camel Festival In Tunisian Desert

Tunis, Mar. 6.

The traditional Camel Festival took place in the South Tunisian Desert today in the presence of leading French and Tunisian officials.

Tunisian Premier Tahir Ben Ammar, the Bey of Tunis' eldest son, Prince Chaidy, and Minister Plenipotentiary Roger Seydoux, representing the French Resident General, arrived here by air this morning. On a nearby plain they were met by the Tunisian tribesmen—dressed in traditional Arab dress—and hundreds of camels. Drought and locusts have ravaged South Tunisia and the camels found the grass and corn crops.

Grateful Deer

Vienna, Mar. 6.
A deer, with a poacher's noose round its neck returned to a farm where human foster parents brought it up years ago, was reported at Leoben.

IKE WILL NOT REVEAL FUTURE PLANS

Washington, Mar. 6.
Senator William Knowland (Republican, California) said today that he doubted whether Mr. Eisenhower would tell the Republicans before January, 1956, whether he intended to run again for the Presidency.

The California State Republican committee went on record recently asking Mr. Eisenhower to run again and offering him the support of its 70-vote delegation at next year's nominating convention in San Francisco.

Because California's law requires the contest of a candidate before delegates can be pledged to him, the committee instructed the Republican Governor of California, Mr. Goodwin Knight, to confer with the President about his plans.

DOUBTS

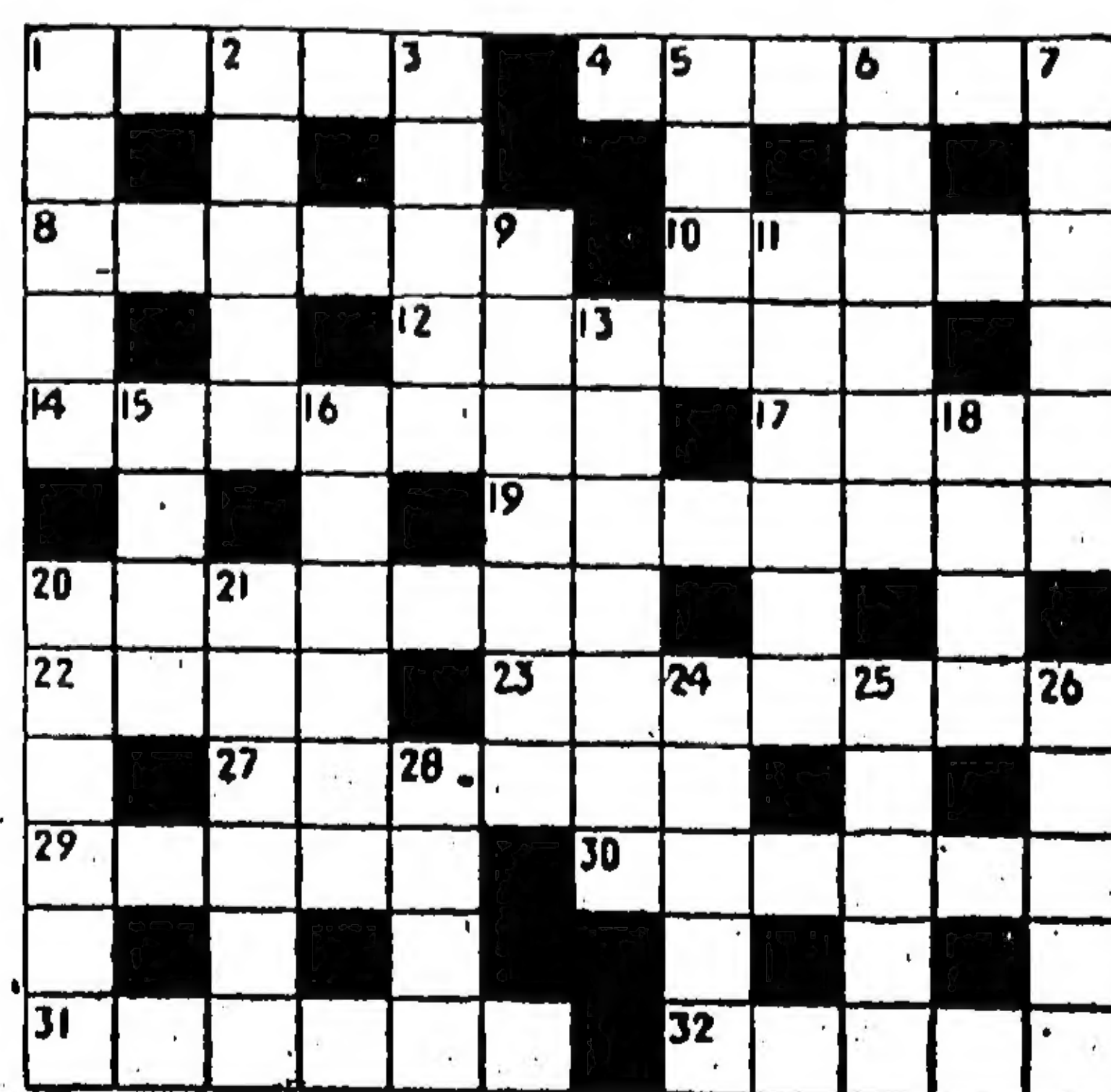
Senator Knowland, who is the Senate Republican leader, said in an interview that he did not expect any such conference to be held soon.

"I doubt that the President will let anybody know what his plans are before January, 1956, at the earliest," Mr. Knowland said.

He added that since California's primary does not come until June of that year, some other delegation may learn about the President's intentions first.

Mr. Eisenhower told reporters at last week's White House Press conference that he might be able to give them an answer in about a year to the question of what he intended to do.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Scare (5).
- 2 Rop (6).
- 3 Small stone (6).
- 4 Mohammedan world (5).
- 5 Landed property (6).
- 6 Via (7).
- 7 Send out (4).
- 8 Commissions (7).
- 9 One who argues (7).
- 10 Soon (4).
- 11 Object suitable for throwing (7).
- 12 Close of day (6).
- 13 Game (5).
- 14 Look at (6).
- 15 Shelter against sun (6).
- 16 Fear (6).

DOWN

- 1 Savoury jelly (5).
- 2 Book of photographs, etc. (3).
- 3 Confused fight (5).
- 4 Operatic song (4).
- 5 Grave (6).
- 6 Sands (6).
- 7 Values highly (7).
- 8 Purlions (6).
- 9 Dog (7).
- 10 Cooker (4).
- 11 Ground nut (6).
- 12 Object of worship (4).
- 13 Flower (6).
- 14 American town (6).
- 15 Mount (5).
- 16 Angry (5).
- 17 Finished (5).
- 18 Part of speech (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Appalled, 8 Prop, 9 Optimist, 11 Released, 12 Alps, 13 Disrupts, 18 Mistaken, 19 Deep, 21 Surrounds, 25 Parishes, 26 Agents, 27 Dressing, Down: 1 Spirit, 2 Coal, 3 Pipe, 4 Avia, 5 Lairs, 7 Dates, 9 Oakum, 10 Teats, 12 Exile, 14 Press, 15 Pious, 17 Storey, 19 Dipped, 20 Knave, 21 Bore, 22 Bets, 23 Ugly, 24 Dusk.



Private Michael Gabriel, aged 19, of Barnstaple, Devon, prizes this souvenir and no wonder! While out on a 36-hour patrol in the Mount Kenya Forest, Michael killed a Mau Mau terrorist, dressed in an RAF boiler-suit. In the terrorist's home-made rifle he found a bullet had jammed—a bullet meant for him! Pte Gabriel proudly displayed his souvenir at Southampton, when with others of the 1st Battalion the Devonshire Regiment, he arrived home from the Middle East in the troopship Dunera.—Reuterphoto.

China Seeking To Overrun Asia Says Dulles

Washington, Mar. 6.

The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, returned from a two-week tour of the Far East today, declaring that Communist China is seeking "desperately" to overrun "the forward positions of freedom" there.

Mr. Dulles, who faces some critical questioning in Congress on U.S. policy on Formosa, will report to President Eisenhower tomorrow on his seven-nation swing that was climaxed by a conference with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

On Tuesday night he will deliver a nationwide radio-television report on his trip. He is tentatively scheduled to appear earlier before the Senate Foreign Relations and House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The Senate Republican leader, Mr. William Knowland, said he also had been in touch with the State Department in an attempt to arrange for Mr. Dulles to brief both Senate Republican and Democratic leaders on the Far Eastern situation. This would be in addition to Mr. Dulles' appearance before the Committees.

CRITICISM

The Chairman of the House Committee, Mr. James Richards, who on February 23 criticised recent Dulles statements on the Far East, showed no signs of retreating from his position. He said "you can draw your own conclusions as to the line of questioning Mr. Dulles will undergo before the House group."

Mr. Richards called on the administration while Mr. Dulles was in the Far East to announce that it would defend Quemoy and the Matsu Islands of the China coast as part of its plans for the defence of Formosa.

He said he feared that Mr. Dulles had offered to trade the offshore islands to the Chinese Reds for a Formosan ceasefire.

Administration sources said Mr. Dulles' position was still that the United States would defend Matsu and Quemoy against the Communists if it appeared that the attack was part of a plan to try to seize Formosa or the Pescadores.

But the United States would not intervene if it was decided that an attack on the offshore islands was purely a "localised" action and did not endanger Formosa itself, according to these informants.

SIZE OF ATTACK

In other words, the U.S. would probably not be determined by the size of the attack on Matsu or Quemoy.

Mr. Dulles said in a brief statement upon his arrival at

America Accused Of Economic Invasion Of Asia

London, Mar. 6.

Communist China claimed today that last week's Manila conference of American diplomats in Asia had considered the intensification of the United States "economic invasion" of Southeast Asia.

The Communist New China News Agency said the communique issued yesterday by the American diplomats showed the meeting also discussed "the United States policy to prevent China from liberating Formosa" and American measures, mapped out at the Southeast Asian treaty conference at Bangkok, "to suppress national liberation movements in Asia."

(The communique of the 15 American Ambassadors in Asia warned against "a grave threat to the peace and security of the Far East," resulting from "the continued effort of international Communism to impose a new colonialism on the independent nations of Asia.")

(They welcomed the determination of the Bangkok powers to resist Communist aggression in the treaty area and considered "co-operating in the achievement of the economic well-being of the Far Eastern peoples," the ways of helping them consolidate their independence.)—Reuter.

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63 Would you DARE to start again?

ANNE SHARPLEY meets a woman who made a name for herself and a quarter of a century ago dressed almost everybody who was anybody on the London stage. Now she is back to pick up where she left off...

THERE is an exotic nervousness about Miss Eileen Idare that reminds one of a hummingbird. She is a petite, darting figure who likes to wear bright colours. Her hair is boucled and she talks in little gasps. But Miss Idare is a remarkable woman. She does not think 63 years of age ("and I've never had a face massage") too late to make a come-back.

Twenty-five years and two husbands ago Miss Idare was a famous woman.

No public-respecting stage star had her clothes designed by anyone else.

She dressed such shows as "Rose Marie," "Private Lives," "Evergreen," and even "Pavlova" for her last performances as The Swan.

'I dare—'

The index to her energy was that there were 28 shows dressed by her running in London.

Then she married a South African millionaire, Mr Harold Mesenthal.

Eighteen years later in 1950 the millionaire died but her inheritance was small. In 1953

the widow married a London barrister, Mr Patrick Cole-Predy. And in 1954 she took a big decision. Forty years before she had manufactured the name "Idare" for herself because she was always saying "I dare do so and so."

Now she decided she dare become a designer again.



EILEEN IDARE—"The older I get..."

Swiftly she collected together the silks, satins and brocades she loves. They were from France, Italy and China. She barely glanced at the tweeds and wools.

"I like glamorous things. Tea gowns, long evening gowns, beautiful fabrics."

She decided to declare war on Paris.

"Women want to look beautiful. Not angular, odd, or like

Working at the creative rate of 24 designs in an afternoon, Miss Idare got back into the stride of the "old days."

"I design everything on myself, twisting the material to see how it will fall. I can feel the material coming alive beneath my fingers."

"My clothes must flatter and make a woman look feminine. I don't think it is interesting to do a suit."

Her clothes reflect herself. Wide skirts to flatter her 23-inch waist, off-the-shoulder styles to reveal amazingly youthful shoulders, silky lines occasionally to show slim hips. And always delicious fabrics, gleaming, rustling and transfiguring.

She has even worked her magic on her cousin, Yvonne Mitchell, that "serious" young actress.

For Miss Idare is once more working herself into the theatre credits.

Mink, diamonds

In a forthcoming play Miss Mitchell plays a femme fatale. Miss Idare startled the producer by insisting on a real mink lining to a fabulous evening coat and added the final exotic touch of writing "Idare" on the label in diamonds.

Miss Idare has many sparkling creative ideas. When we lunched together she saw a glorious red evening dress in a lobster ("and next to it that wonderful piece of watercress, what a lovely colour") and a quiet cafe-au-lait afternoon dress in the coffee-pot.

Days are colours to her: "Thursday is cherry-red, I love Thursday. Wednesday is blue, it never seems to rain on Wednesdays. Tuesday is white."

"I am 63, you know," she said with a slight widening of dark brown eyes, "and the older I get the more ideas I get."

Miss Idare stepped into her 1930 Rolls-Royce. She was already late for a fitting appointment with a very important personage whose name is the accolade for the London couturiers but whose identity she refuses to have published.

But she paused just long enough to admonish me. "Do get married! Won't you. You been married three times, and I adore it."

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The magic word "oil" brings wealth and progress to the desert, but it also arouses suspicions, blood feuds, labour troubles and border warfare. The trials and transformation of Arab communities where oil prospectors now seek "black gold" are described in a tour of cities on the Muscat and Trucial Coasts until recently forbidden to non-Moslems. This is the fifth in the series, "Middle East in Ferment."

yellow sand and throwing up a forest of miniature hillocks. Visitors to the beach have an uncanny feeling of being

Bedouin women herd their goat flocks at a water channel at the Oasis of Rivan.

he had made the trip from East Africa in five hops.

Howitt had come to prepare his ground forces for the next seasonal invasion of locust swarms. The Arabs help him, although once they regarded locusts as a divine omen in good

on the Trucial Coast, and Saudi-Arabia. The late King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud starting moving his own forces into the Euphrat Oasis, near the stretchy frontier between the two states. The Sheik feared the eventual loss of more than half his territory to his powerful neighbour, and the British, as protectors of the Sheikdom, moved in squads of Levies to back him up.

Sporadic fighting broke out between the Levies and armed Saudis, and for a time the dispute assumed international political proportions.

At this moment, a team of arbitrators is sitting in conference in the Buraimi Oasis, and the area has been sealed off to correspondents.

But it is an open secret in Sharjah that oil is the cause of the trouble, which not only strains Britain's friendship with Arabia, but also puts an added stress on Anglo-American relations as it is American initiative which is seeking to exploit the hidden wealth of the Oman desert.

Seven Rulers

There are seven Arab rulers in the Oman Trucial area. It is estimated that their present total revenues amount to little more than £30,000,000. But with the oil talk they all have visions of new wealth.

Besides the oil potential, Britain is concerned about the strategic outlook as her hold in Egypt and Iraq is being whittled down by the surge of Arab nationalism.

That Britain is planning to build up her outposts in this area was patently obvious—and the difficulties to be overcome equally obvious.

Water, for example, is a colossal difficulty in a region where the oldest inhabitant cannot remember the last rainfall.

In parts of Sharjah, water supplies must be hauled 11 miles by truck; in others, distillation costs up to three shillings per gallon.

Air Ministry officials surveying these areas do not hide their dismay at the estimated outlay which will be needed for construction work here even before the jet age comes to Arabia.

On The Wane

As a sidelight to the advent of oil, Oman's traditional pearling industry is fast on the wane. Oil companies are offering the Arabs twice as much as they could earn by diving and with few of the hazards. The pearl divers are rapidly emigrating to areas where oil strikes are said to be imminent.

Sharjah itself, a seaport town, is the seat of government for 30-year-old Sheik Saeed, whose ideas of administration have changed little since Old Testament days.

As "Ruler of Sharjah and its Dependencies" Saeed wields absolute power, and personally notes out justice on the "eye for an eye" creed.

Flogging is the usual punishment for theft, but a second offence may be punished by cutting off the miscreant's offending hand.

Last month, the British surrendered to Sheik Saeed a local labourer who had been accused of stealing soap. The man was tied down for two hours under the blazing desert sun. When he still refused to confess, he was left for four more hours. Still failing to admit his guilt, he was flogged to death.

Broke Tradition

The Sheik recently broke with local tradition by making a trip abroad in a chartered aircraft. He returned after acquiring a third wife in Beirut and two falcons in Damascus.

A mere handful of British "advisers" is spread out over this vast area. There are headquarters here for the British-officered Trucial Oman Levies. Like the Aden and Hadramaut Levies, these local defence forces are patterned after the Arab Legion forces in Jordan of Brigadier John Bagot Glubb, known to his fellow Moslems as "Glubb Pasha."

Commanding the Levies is Colonel W. J. Martin, whose wife, an American from Pennsylvania, is the only white man resident in Sharjah.

There is every sign here that Britain will stand by her Trucial obligations to protect the Sheikdoms under rulers like Saeed. And in the arbitration councils at Buraimi, the participants must be well aware that whispers of oil have moved their deliberations from the realm of local to international politics.

THE OIL EQUATION

By Harold Guard

(PHOTOS BY CHARLES DAWSON)

Salalah. The magic word "oil" is being whispered around this little outpost on the South Arabian coast, in the sultanate of Muscat.

No oil has yet been found, but visions of wealth matching that of Kuwait and Saudi-Arabia are gushing forth from foreign prospector and native workman alike.

Sultan Sayed bin Taimur, the ruler of Muscat and Oman, recently granted a drilling concession to an American company. A British aerial survey firm is at work with the Americans, charting the vast mountain wilderness of the Sultan's domain, looking for the earth faults and formations that form an underground dome.

So, after we arrived in Salalah, a tall American introduced himself. He looked immaculate—surprisingly so in this wild desert—in a white shark-skin suit.

With a disarming smile, he offered his hand. "I'm Edgar Clayton, Vice-President of City Services Oil Corporation."

We were even more surprised to learn that his wife was with him, living in a desert tent.

"None of the conveniences of an electric kitchen," he said, "but she loves it."

Big Gamble

Clayton would give no hint where oil was likely to be found, except with a vague wave of his hand toward the mountains rising behind the coastline.

"We hope to bring up our drilling rigs soon," he added. "There will be about 8,000 tons of it, and we'll have to take it off the ships in landing craft and Arab dhows. We plan to start drilling by March."

The American frankly confessed that his company was embarking on a gigantic gamble; they might strike nothing but dry wells. For Clayton, oil is a problem for the future. But for the Yorkshireman who commands a little RAF station

here, oil is very much a problem of the present moment.

Flying officer Peter Adams told me he was paying a call on the Wall of Dhofar, who rules the community for the Sultan of Muscat, to hire more local labour for his air station.

"The oilmen have made local labour a problem," said Adams, "by offering higher wages to the Arabs. My workmen have become discontented and want to work for the Americans. I hate to think what will happen when they start drilling."

The oilmen themselves say nothing much will happen. They intend to bring in most of their labour from other parts of the Middle East—trained Arab field men and technicians who have had experience in Saudi-Arabia, Iran, Kuwait and Aden.

Adams' job is to keep RAF planes fuelled and moving between the Middle East and Aden. To do this he needs contented, conscientious labour to maintain his runways, constructed to accommodate large aircraft—much larger than the little twin-engine Becheroff Bonanza which Clayton's oilmen use for shopping expeditions to Aden.

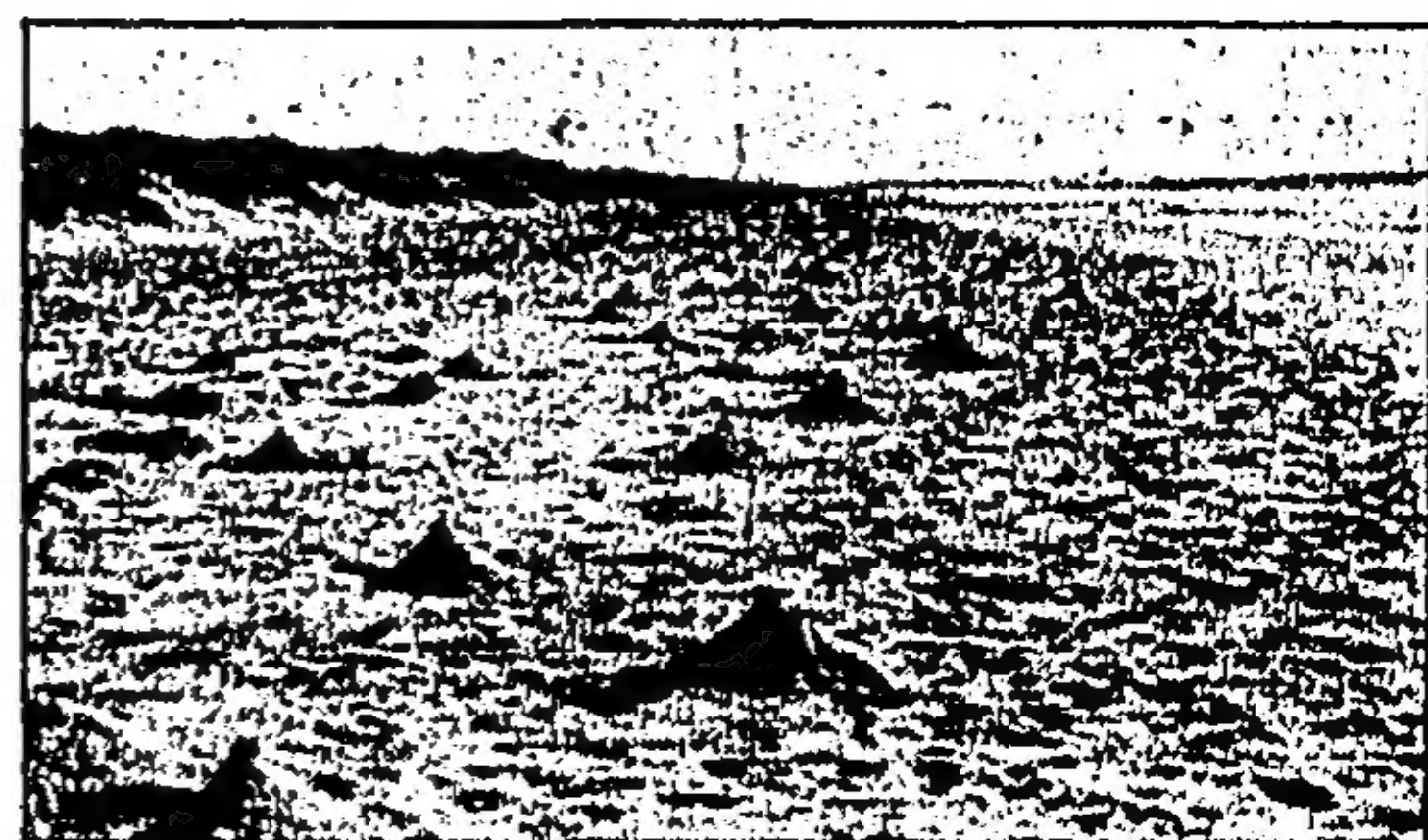
It's Risky

For oil, Adams depends on his airmen and Arab labourers to unload the 30-gallon drums from Arab dhows, which come up from Mukalla, seaport of the east Aden Protectorate.

"The dhows can't come closer than 200 yards from shore because of coral reefs," the RAF officer said. "We chuck the drums overboard and our lads swim through the surf and manhandle them. It's a risky business because the surf runs swiftly, and a full drum is not easy to handle. That's the sort of oil business we are in, and it takes manpower."

We took off from one of Adams' smooth runways and flew along the coast from Salalah to Rivan, another British staging post on the vital under-belly of the Arabian sub-continent. Below us were broad, sandy beaches. Even from the air, the surging surf looked formidable. It is no wonder that navigation along the coast, even in native dhows, is hazardous.

At Rivan, the beach is an unbelievable spectacle. Thousands of flat-sized land crabs milling about, burrowing into the soft sand, watched by a million eyes.



Miniature hillocks dot the beach at Rivan, on the Muscat coast, where land crabs have scurried for cover. They watch from their shelters with periscopic antennae.

Quite rightly, for, after the crabs scatter into their burrows, they lie watching every move through periscopic antennae.

Arab fishermen tell spine-tickling stories of the land crab armies devouring an unconscious human on the beaches in as many minutes as it takes to spin the yarn.

They tell, too, of land-locked fish in great pools of sea-water separated from the ocean by great dunes blown up in the sand-storms. The land-locked fish become cannibalistic, and Arabs claim that one day these fish will breed a new human race through much the same evolutionary processes as Charles Darwin described.

There also are great flocks of sea birds with pelican-like beaks which swirl about with a noise like jet aircraft.

Locust Man

Arab women, closely veiled, roam the offshore desert with great herds of goats, marshalling them with a strange and piercing clucking sound. The women hurl rocks at each other if their goats invade the wrong waterhole.

And there is an oasis at Rivan where an adventurous Arab gardener is having his first attempt at growing tomatoes—the first to be seen in this part of the world.

Before we left Rivan, a diminutive Piper Cub aircraft nonchalantly trundled up the runway.

"Looks like the locust man, just in from Kenya," said the airstrip officer. A young man, John Hewitt, gingerly climbed from the plane and confirmed

crop years. The fact that they are considered a delicacy when roasted over an open fire—and possibly were the "manna from Heaven" of the Old Testament—may have had something to do with it.

Hewitt said quite casually there was nothing extraordinary to report back at his Kenya base, except that his men had wiped out a swarm covering four square miles with just ten gallons of insecticide. Later, he said, "an irate tea planter told us we had contaminated a tea crop worth about five thousand pounds sterling. Just one of those things."

From Rivan we flew to Sharjah, a capital city on the Trucial Oman peninsula, which juts into the entrance of the Persian Gulf.

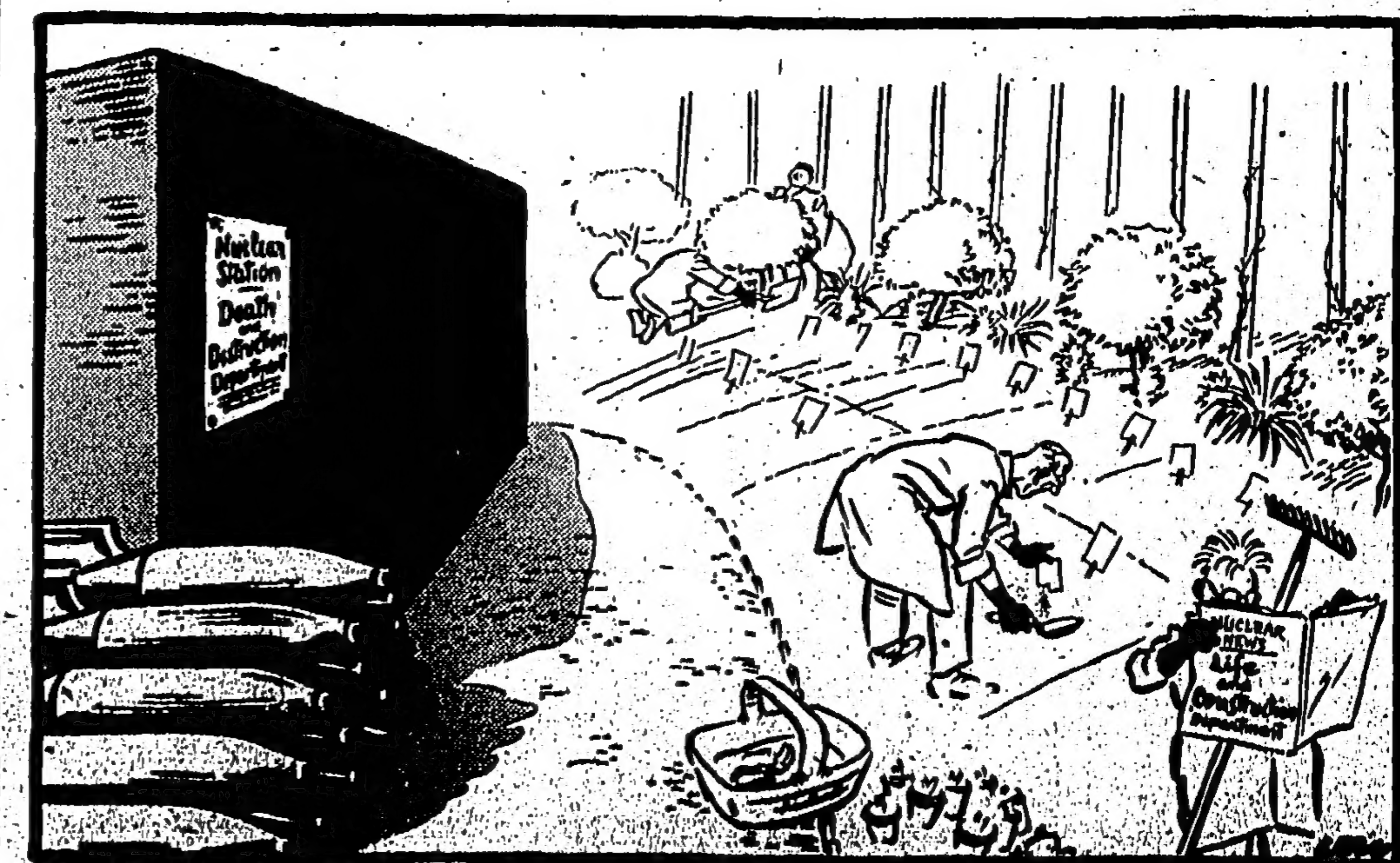
It is in this area that British friendship with Saudi-Arabia is being jeopardised by a squabble over a frontier area, which had its genesis in whispers of "oil."

For five years, Britain has sought to get local rulers to agree to their accurately defined frontiers. But the lines on the map still remain dotted. Each ruler casts covetous glances at adjacent territory where oil talk grows louder daily.

A Dispute

No official here is prepared to talk about oil, but there is no doubt that prospects are excellent. The Oman peninsula is nearly surrounded by the producing states of Qatar, Bahrain, Iran and Saudi-Arabia.

The most critical dispute has involved the ruler of Abu Dhabi, largest of the sheikdoms



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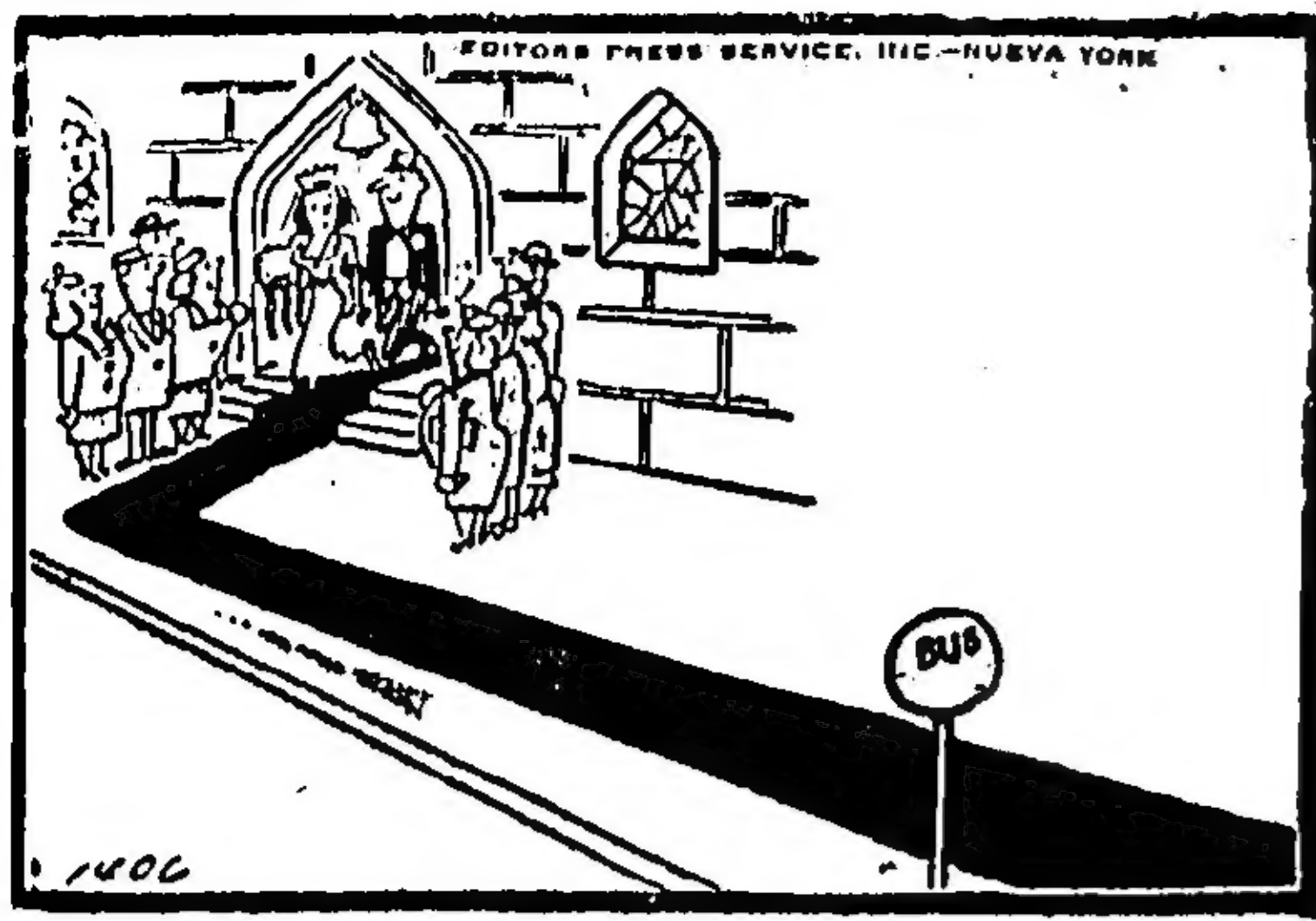
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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Tourney Bridge Is Top-Notch

By OSWALD JACOBY

I AM often asked what bridge players do when they are not playing in a tournament. The answer is simple: they go about their regular business. Some are doctors, dentists, lawyers; some are businessmen; and about half of them are housewives.

By way of example, today's hand was played in the recent regional tournament in Milwaukee by two prominent businessmen of the Midwest, Joe Cohan, president of the Holmes Construction Company, held the West cards; and Joe Fishelson, president of the Akron Brass Company, held the East cards. Both men are among America's leading bridge players.

Cohan led the queen of diamonds from the West hand, and both Joe's gasped when they saw the strength of the dummy. Evidently South had bid four spades as a sacrifice, but the strong dummy might well enable him to make his contract.

Fishelson overtook the first trick with the king of diamonds, continued with the ace of diamonds, and then led a third diamond. South ruffed with a low trump, led a heart to

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

IF you now have to choose between the Atom Bomb and the Bomb, what will you do?

My advice is to ignore them both, and concentrate on this new Turkish sausage, Kebab, which is a delicious, succulent, and healthy food. It is made of minced meat, usually lamb or beef, and is cooked in a special way. It is a very popular food in Turkey and is also becoming popular in other parts of the world.

Marginal note

IN an article by Professor Julian Huxley I came across the following statement: "After Darwin, it was impossible to believe in the creation of man or animals." Making every allowance for the Professor's undoubted ideas about religion, I find it impossible to believe that a man of his intelligence

could really have intended to make such a preposterous remark.

Reading without tears
While mere fact of being able to read is not a sign of intelligence, says an educational authority, the husband of a blue-stocking once they picked up an encyclopedia printed in double columns, and read it straight across the page. "I find it rather abstract," he said, "and a little confused." So they gave him a three-volume book to read. He read the first volume three times, having mislaid the other two, and then complained that the author repeated himself.

In passing
The secret tribunals set up to penalize dealers who cut their profits in order to sell more cheaply to their customers do not, it is alleged, make use of torture to extract confessions. They only aim to ruin the culprit, whether he belongs to their secret society or not. They promise to obey their decrees. As a man who makes about 140 percent profit on everything he sells said yesterday: "Why should people be allowed to pamper the public in this way?"

TARGET THE EXPRESS WORD GAME

How many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the right? In each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the center square.

H	I	A
E	W	L
E	M	N

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION: Eighteen words: faint, faint, faint, faint, faint, faint, faint, faint, faint, faint, faint, faint, faint, faint, faint, faint, faint, faint.

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

MONDAY, MARCH 7

BORN today, you are very much interested in money, although you may not realize it. Your life is one of financial struggle. You are a person of high ambition, and you will work hard to achieve your goals. You are a person of high ambition, and you will work hard to achieve your goals.

You are, actually, a little physically lazy. This is probably because your brain is active and you would prefer to think than to work with your muscles. On the other hand, you are a person of high ambition, and you will work hard to achieve your goals.

You are not a pure theorist, as you believe in being very practical. If an inspiration "works," it's a good one. You are a person of high ambition, and you will work hard to achieve your goals.

Among those born on this date are: Henry Draper, scientist; Ben Ames Williams, author; Richard M. Upp, inventor; and Francis Jackson, reformer.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) - If involved in social duties, you will be called upon to utilize all your tact and diplomacy.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) - Talk over a family or office problem with those who can offer advice and you will benefit.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21) - Have full confidence in your artistic inspirations. Today, and success can more easily be yours.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) - If you have a proved method of operation, don't make any sudden change. You're better off, as you are.

CANCER (June 22-July 23) - Hold to your ambitions, but don't go out on a limb with a decision unless very sure of yourself.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) - Best for you to stick close to

routine now. Being too adventurous today is not advised.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) - If you have analyzed all the facts in a situation, you should be able to make an important decision.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) - Be a little cautious of someone who is "over-selling" a proposition. Be sure of his sincerity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) - Correct someone else's error with a smile, today, if you want to get an effective reaction.

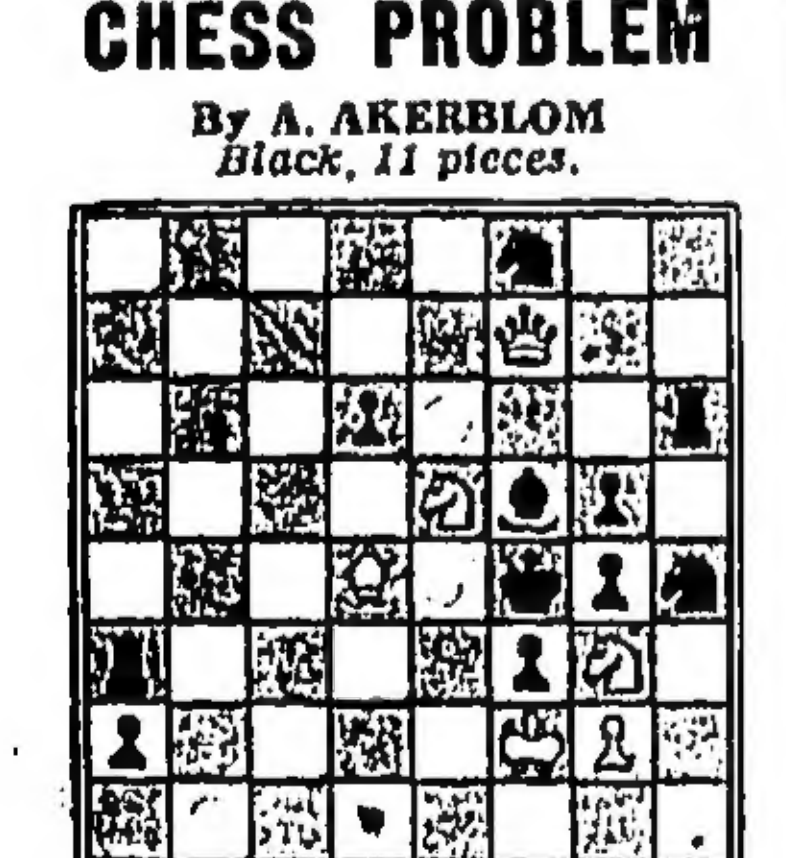
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) - Be thoroughly sincere in everything you say today. Any kind of basic loyalties could be suspect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20) - Combine business and pleasure this evening. You might invite the boss out to dinner with you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) - Today is all right things seem to be at sixes and sevens, look into your own conduct for the reason.

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. KERBLOM
Black, 11 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.
Solution to Saturday's problem:
1, R-Q5, any; 2, Q, or Kt mates.

DUMB BELLS



CARD SENSE

Q-The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 Club	Pass	1 Diamond	Pass

You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-8-6-3, Hearts J-5, Diamond 4, Clubs A-K-9-8-3. What do you do?

A-Bid one spade. You intend to rebid the spades at your next opportunity, thus showing that you have a five-card spade suit.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-Q-J-10-9, Hearts J-5, Diamond 4, Clubs A-K-8-5-3. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

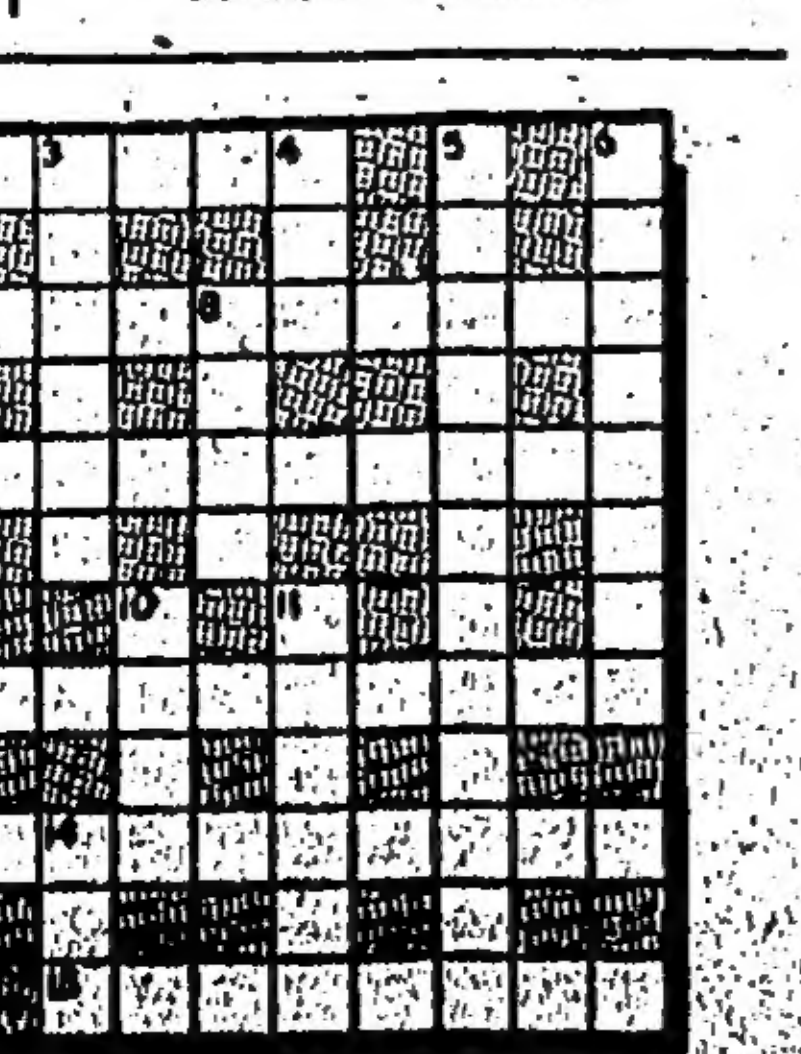
CROSSWORD

Across

- Looks almost as if this described a person of high ambition. (5)
- Out of the dream world this is a dream of climbing nautically. (6, 6)
- Describe the two best butchers in town. (10, 7)
- Start the over grow 10 Across in the garden of these? (10, 6)

Down

- Here's a bumptious sounding official. (4)
- There are certainly never on show at any luncheon? (3, 5)
- If you're all at this, you're facing a... (4)
- These are not shown in the balance sheet. (4)
- Love's touches. (5)
- King can't spell. (4)
- Change here! (8)
- Place your arm at. (6)
- More comfortable? (8)
- Tiny drink. (8)



WOMANSENSE

HIPLINE HIGHLIGHT



Jean Dess presents this cocktail dress in the recent spring collection. It is in yellow muslin. Attached to the hip-line are folds of same material forming a part of the skirt. -Agence France-Presse.

LATEST AID TO THE WEIGHT CONSCIOUS

THE "CALORIE PLATE"

Pittsburgh. A CHINAWARE manufacturer who went on a diet is responsible for the latest aid to the weight conscious—a plate which gives the calorie count of foods.

Murray Miller, president of the Eastern China Co., said every time he pulled up to the table he forgot calorie restrictions. He asked his designers to turn out a plate listing calories in dairy foods, egg dishes, meats and vegetables. The "calorie plate" resulted.

It was displayed during the annual Pittsburgh Glass and Pottery show, an exhibit indicating that the manufacturers are out to please every taste and pocketbook. A single vase adorned with curvaceous mermaids sells for \$350. Yet

the housewife can buy a 32-piece dinnerware set for \$17.95. Plastic dinnerware sturdy enough to defy the most destructive of children are available; so are delicate stemware needing a feather touch.

Much of the dinnerware is informal, stressing the "come out of the kitchen" idea. Cooking utensils in increasing numbers are made to go from oven or top of stove to table.

Manufacturers show increasing color consciousness. Only a few seasons ago pinks and blues were a daring break from the traditional white tableware. Freda Diamond, a New York designer, features "aqua ripple" tumblers with a rough finish and a delicate aqua tint. -United Press.

HELEN BURKE is visiting in the West End—a guest in the workrooms of the master chefs of London. Her assignment: To observe these men at work, talk with them and report—for you to share in your cooking—the fascinating individual touches which have taken them to the top of their profession.

Calderoni's Best Friend Is His Butcher

London. SEVERAL months ago, M. Etienne R. Cottet, general manager of the Gordon Hotel, invited Cavaliere Bartolomeo Calderoni, a distinguished member of the Old School of Maître Chefs (now, alas! fast retiring), to take over the kitchens of the May Fair, so I knew that the food I would see prepared there would have received the approbation of the great Escoffier.

We talked about food and its proper cooking, and Cavaliere Calderoni said this: "A chef must be much more than a cook. He should also be a scientist, an agriculturist, and a medical man." How true! A good chef will plan a menu so carefully that no incompatible items occur in it and, in the dishes themselves, no incompatible ingredients are mixed.

Meat is very expensive these days, so there is a tendency for us to buy small cuts rather than a large joint. Very often, however, we are not particularly happy with the results.

Entrecote steaks, for instance, are often very tough and, during the cooking, their edges are inclined to curl. Fillet steaks spread and are dried out, and cutlets are unwieldy to handle on the plate.

CUTTING COUNTS

First, then, I spent some time with the butcher. All these big West End hotels have their own butchers in the kitchen, and it is on his skill in cutting that the perfect cooking of the meat depends.

An entrecote steak—the other side of the T-bone—should be cut slightly on the slant. It will then lie flat in the pan and will be tender because it has not been cut straight across the grain.

When you get steaks from the small end of the fillet, trim off any tissue, press each steak together to make it thicker, then tie it around its middle to keep its shape during the grilling or frying. The steaks will then be tender and moist, instead of being flattened out and dry.

AN EDUCATION

It is an education to see the May Fair butcher cutting neck cuts. A cutlet on the plate should be easily separated from the bone with one stroke of the knife, as there are no fillets to get around, and this is how the Continental butcher prepares it. He chimes the joint—that is, carefully, cuts off the spine bone

and uses a sharp knife to see that no meat is left on it. He then cuts off about an inch of the meat at the long end, which is generally dried out in the grilling.

The trimmed meat is then cut into slices, with one long rib for each serving. Something quite unlike the usual difficult-to-handle lamb cutlet. (I have a small meat saw, and do this chining myself.)

I watched the chef preparing Hollandaise sauce for fish and vegetables. First he tastes the butter to see if it is salted. If it is, he is most careful later on to see that none of the residue gets into the sauce. He melts the butter, then places the vinegar and a tiny pinch each of salt and pepper in a pan and reduces them by three-quarters.

Now he adds the egg yolks and the required amount of cold water and whisks them rapidly over a not-too-hot fire until the mixture is of a very thick consistency. (You had better use a double boiler for this sauce.)

He then removes the mixture to a cold table and very gradually pours in the melted butter, whisking fiercely at the time. The sauce is then beautifully thick and just right for the few drops of water to be added. Finally, a few drops of lemon juice are added for the perfect Hollandaise.

Cavaliere Calderoni had the honour of preparing the dinner for the annual Reunion des Gastronomes and, on that evening, I spent five hours in the May Fair kitchens watching him and his assistant chefs at work. This is a very special dinner, where the chef creates new dishes for the occasion. I saw the dishes being prepared.

First, in honour, I think, of the chairman of the gathering, Joseph Veechi, formerly a famous restaurateur in the old St. Petersburg, there was Borsch with Russian piroshkis (little meat-filled pastries).

With the Borsch, a perfect consommé with the thinnest of cabbage shreds in it, a ruby red beetroot puree and thick cream were passed separately.

SO ELABORATE... Then came pike. Six large ones had been flown over from France. Four were for the dish and two for the stuffing, of which cream and white of egg.

The stuffed fish were baked on a wonderful bed of special vegetables, covered with butter paper to keep them moist. On their serving dish they were masked with a marvellous sauce made from the braised vegetables, cream, butter and brandy. They were decorated with very large red prawns, truffles and mushrooms, impled, on a decorative silver skewer.

Next, there were tender slices of veal, slices of veal kidney and truffles, each serving wrapped in a caul and braised with special vegetables. With them went fennel dressed in Momay sauce, and baked potatoes, cut into most attractive fan-like forms.

The sweet was so elaborate ("quite fabulous," said the guests) that it was difficult to describe. Mainly, it was a perfect peach bombe, with sliced fresh peaches.

It was surrounded by little cases of meringue filled with cream and fruit, sliced peaches, all draped in a veil of spun sugar. ... There was the glossiest of sugar "ribbons," too. ... Indescribable!

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Household Hints

To extract fresh coconut easily, drain the milk, then place the coconut in a slow oven (325 degrees) for half an hour. A slight blow will crack the shell easily.

Grooves of doors and woodwork can be dusted easily with a small paint brush.

A roast carves easier if it's allowed to cool half an hour after being taken from the oven.

To clean painted or tiled bathroom walls easily, fill the bathtub with hot water and let stand a few minutes. Then wipe the walls clean with a dry cloth.

If china or glasses have gathered dust wash in hot water or in mild solution of synthetic detergent. Rinse in piping hot water and they'll need little if any wiping.

Polish the crystal with a soft lintless cloth, however. Cut glass will sparkle if you wash it with a small brush in warm water and (synthetic) detergent. Rinse and polish dry with a soft lint-free towel.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Greatest Sleigh Ride

—Coasting From the Himalayas to the Sahara—

By MAX TRELL

THIS being the case, everyone in the Playroom let General Tin continue with his amazing story.

Super Sleigh

"Well," said General Tin, "I built this sled for myself. It was as long as a trolley car, or maybe a little longer. And it had sharp runners like silver knives and a steering bar like the wings of an eagle. You could feel from just looking at it that you could take the biggest and longest and fastest sleigh ride in all creation. All you needed was one thing."

Of course Knarf and Heintz, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, and Teddy the Stuffed Bear and Mr. Punch and his wife Judy, and Mary-Jane the Rag Doll, and everyone else in the Playroom, including the Canary, the Clock-Cuckoo and Whoo the Hobby Horse and the Geranium all wanted to hear about it.

From the Source

Rupert and the Broken Plate—14



The old Curiosity Man invites Rupert into the shop and peers closely at the broken fragment. "I believe I've got something of that shade," he murmurs. "Now where is it?" "Creaking," he says, "the door is open a doorway. All at once Rupert who

has been gazing at the queer things in the shop, cries out. "Please, look, here's a plate of nearly the same colour. Why, bless your sharp eyes, as I say, I bought the same! I've kept it for ages and nobody has wanted it, so you may have a cheap



General Tin setting out with his sleigh.

"That shouldn't have been too hard to find," Heintz said. "Was the winter of '03 a cold winter?"

"Bitter cold," said General Tin. "People walked around with red noses and clipped ears and pinched toes from the end of November to the beginning of April. But there wasn't a flake of snow, not a single thin tidbit of a flake of snow."

"So," continued General Tin, "I looked around, since I DID want that sleigh ride of mine, so I looked far and I looked wide. And finally I found it."

"Snow?" cried everyone.

"Heaps of it!" nodded General Tin. "Millions of tons of it! I found it on top of the Himalayas which are the highest mountains in the world and sticks so high up in the sky

that the clouds are always bumping against them. So I dragged my sleigh up to the top of the highest peak and got on it and shouted: 'Here come! ... AND DOWN I WENT!'

Everyone in the room gasped.

The Longest Sleigh Ride

"You know how long I rode?" said General Tin. "I rode for three months and two weeks and one day and fifty-nine minutes and thirty-two seconds. I rode through China and India and Afghanistan and Kalamazoo and Green Bay and Saskatchewan and Australia ... and then I made my big mistake. I saw a patch of glittering whiteness as white as the finest snow. So I altered straight for the middle of it. And what do you suppose it was?"

"What was it?" cried everyone.

"It was the Sahara Desert," growled General Tin. "That was the end of my ride."

IT WAS ANYBODY'S NEW COLONY RECORD, BUT SWEENEY TOOK BOTH

By "RECORDER"

As expected, the Colony records for both the 400 Metres and 440 Yards runs fell at Pokfulam on Saturday in the Invitational 440 Yards Race held in conjunction with the Annual University Championships.

The new holder of both records, now 51.9 and 52.2 seconds respectively, is Lt. Michael Colin Sweeney of the 14th Field Regiment, R.A. The old record of 52.8 seconds for 400 Metres was established by Ng Yuen-fok of South China Athletic Association at the 1951 Colony Championships at Caroline Hill and the old record of 52.8 seconds for 440 Yards was set by Lt. Sweeney at Pokfulam a few weeks ago.

It is noteworthy that Mike Curzon of the Hongkong Police AC and Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club, also beat the old Colony record at both distances, being clocked in 52.1 seconds for 400 Metres and 52.4 seconds for 440 Yards. Both Sweeney and Curzon also beat the unofficial Colony best ever time for 400 Metres of 52.4 seconds returned by Ng Yuen-fok at Caroline Hill in 1949.

In Saturday's race, Stephen Xavier of the HKAAC was third in 52.9 seconds at 440 Yards. Cpl. Terence Dune of the 1st Bn., The Essex Regiment, fourth in 54.3 seconds, and Roy Bell of the HKAAC, the hare fifth in 58.5 seconds.

Dune, who replaced Lt. Keith Burch of 1 Essex, unable to run because of a training injury, was a last-minute addition to the race and is actually a 220 Yards runner who is now the latest convert to the Quarter Mile.

Curzon drew the inside lane, with Sweeney in lane two, Dune in lane three, Xavier in lane four and Bell, the hare in the outside lane.

EVEN FASTER

Roy Bell did his hare's job well and could have returned a much faster time if it wasn't for his earlier efforts. But Xavier, drawn in a lane in which he could not see either Sweeney or Curzon, made it an even faster pace as he overtook Bell at 120 yards after a sustained sprint.

Curzon was running nicely all the way and he probably lost for the fact that he did not challenge Sweeney earlier on. Xavier had lost ground by the time the turn into the final 100 yards stretch came, but he put on another sustained sprint and for a moment was level with Sweeney and Curzon with about 50 yards to go. But he was too much of an effort and he fell back to concede 3 1/2 yards to Curzon at the finish.

It was a great race and Xavier had poor luck in the draw. He could just as well have won if he had not chased Bell at the start. It was anybody's race and some of the best judges of relative talent present were certain that Burch, despite his fourth place last time, could have won if he had been fit to run on Saturday—and if he had drawn the first or second lane.

GOOD PERFORMANCES

The Annual University Sports saw some good performances. The Victor Ludorum, Ng Chuan-wai, set University records of 21 feet 10 1/2 inches in the Long Jump and 44 feet 7 inches in the Hop, Step and Jump, in either case breaking his own records.

In the Hop, Step and Jump, he was half an inch short of equalling the Colony record of 44 feet 7 1/2 inches established by George Thum of the HKAAC at Pokfulam last year.

But Chuan-wai's effort of 44 feet 7 inches was a greater performance than George Thum's as it was made off a grass take-off, while Thum had started off a board. It seems that this year's engineering students had laid out the track in such a way that if a board was sunk for the hop, step take-off it would have been planted squarely in the third lane of the running track and would have been a hazard to the runners.

It is interesting to record that Chuan-wai has beaten 45 feet for the hop, step and jump in the same pit, also off a grass take-off, and it is only a matter of time before he breaks the Colony record. It is not improbable that he may reach 46 feet this season.

Yang Kai-lee equalled the University record of 10.0 seconds for the 100 Yards set by Lee Hui-leung in 1931. The "evens" was not genuine, however, as he had a rolling start, but there is no conclusive evidence that Lee Hui-leung's 10.0 in 1931 was genuine either.

The University's timekeepers, generally drawn from the staff, have never been too reliable. Timekeeping must be a precise job and the team at work yesterday on 400 Metres/440 Yards race must be congratulated for having shown a disagreement of one-tenth of a second over six watches.

Mr. Hui-leung, S. M. Lo, Mr. G. G. Curzon and Fr. D. J. Lawrie all caught Sweeney at 52.2 seconds for 440 Yards, while Cpl. D. G. Hillier and Lt. J. J. Ireland, both of the Essex Regiment, showed 51.9 seconds for Sweeney at 400 Metres while the other time-

RELIABLE

Having watched these two Essex officers at work over three meetings, I am personally convinced that they are the two best Army timekeepers I have ever seen at work in Hongkong and the Army AAA could do nothing better than have both doing the job in the Army Championships this coming week.

Timekeeping is not a particularly difficult job if one observes the rules, but the experienced timekeeper will invariably lose sight of the starter and press the button when he sees the runner rise from their marks.

It is quite understandable in such a situation that runners are credited with times up to six-tenths of a second faster than their performance is worth.

Fung Kai-lee achieved a triple taking the 200 Yards in 24.4 and the 440 Yards in 57.1 seconds as well. While I think he is faster this season than he ever was before and is not unlikely to finish in the first three in the 100 Metres at the Colony Championships, his best distance is the 440 Yards and it is about time he was converted to it.

Wong Kai-yui, the University Captain, broke the One Mile record held since 1924 by J. Middleton-Smith, with a good 4 minutes 57.2 seconds, and has achieved the distinction of being the first HKU student to break the five-minute mile barrier. He also won the 880 Yards in 2 minutes 12 seconds and won the Three Miles in 17 minutes 51.2 seconds, breaking yet another University record. He later allowed himself 1 1/2 beers to celebrate.

Former Colony Athlete of the Year Victor "Ludorum" Lai came out for his first meeting of the season to win the High Jump and 4 feet 4 inches, a height probably good enough to win this year's Colony title. While we are rich in quarter-mile this year, it is the poorest season in the whole history of Hongkong athletics for high jumpers.

Ng Chuan-wai, this year's Chairman of the University Athletic Club Committee, also won the Javelin Throw at 108 feet, was second in the 220 Yards, 220 Yards Low Hurdles and High Jump, third in the 120 Yards High Hurdles, Pole Vault, Shot Put and Discus Throw.

To sum up, he finished in the first three in every event on the individual events programme except the 440 Yards, 880 Yards Mile and Three Miles. Few, I think, will argue the point that he is the finest all-rounder in the history of HKU athletes.

The Annual King George V School Sports, held on Saturday, were perhaps the poorest in memory as far as standard of performances went.

However, Lynn Ramsay, with 12.5 for the 100 Yards, is still a force to be reckoned with if she enters the Colony Championships. Missing from the list of competitors in the girls' events was perhaps the most promising sprinter of them all, Lindy Parks.

In the boys' events I. Whitaker turned in a good 88.0 seconds for the 440 Yards and it seems that it is as great a year in the Schoolboys' Quarter as it is in the top class. Whitaker also cleared a good 19 feet 5 1/2 inches in the Long Jump, a good effort in the KGV pit.

P. Remedios ran the 100 Yards in 10.8 seconds, which is good time for a schoolboy.

ENTER THE POLICE

The Police have finally got themselves affiliated to the HKAAC. A welcome move, even if coming at a late date. This means that the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club's "dream" Mile Relay team is broken up with Mike Curzon and Michael Marsh being first claim to Police. With today's MacMahon the Police will have a team for the Championships, but everything will depend on the fourth man.

Army, with Burch, Sweeney and probably Little and Dune, look the favourites, but don't underestimate the weakened HKAAC who still have Stephen Kayler, Billy McCall, Frank Walker, Robert Marques and Jimmy Sze.

If the grasshopper does not lie, McCall is slowly training up to form and Walker is no slow coach. Marques is as good as any other runner, No. 3 and the Club is definitely a better

keeper at this distance, Fr. G. Keene, showed 52.0

With South China having Ho Hui-po, Loung Kam-po and Chong Chik-pui as a nucleus, it will be at least a four-sided fight and one of the finest races ever I hear that Royal Navy are going to spring a surprise in this relay.

But who can beat Xavier, Marques, McCall and Loung in the 400 Metres Relay if all these four are available. Army, with Sweeney, Goodwin and Mulvaney, need one more and University also look strong in this event.

Entries for the Colony Championships close on March 10 and all intending competitors are reminded that late entries will not be entertained.

YMCA MEET

Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton, Hon. Secretary of the European YMCA, has finally got together a small YMCA team, his first successful effort since two years ago, and will engage the South China AA and HKAAC in a triangular practice match at King's Park on Saturday, March 12, commencing at 2 p.m. HKAAC athletes wishing to take part are asked to get in touch with the Hon. Secretary, HKAAC. The events will be 60 Metres, 200 Metres, 400 Metres, 800 Metres, One Mile, One Mile Walk, High Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Shot put and Javelin Throw.

FUTURE DATES

The Annual Combined Services v. Combined Civilians match will be held at Kai Tak the Sunday after the Colony Championships week-end (March 26 and 27), that is, on April 3. South China AA will be away that week-end to take on Macao and the Combined Civilians team will be selected from the HKAAC, HKUAC and Police AC. Though South China's absence will weaken the Combined Civilians team will still be strong enough to make a fight of it.

The Annual Norman Phillips Trophy Match between the HKAAC, SCAA and HKUAC is set tentatively for Saturday or Sunday, April 16 or 17 at Pokfulam.

In conjunction with this match a world-wide postal match is being organized and the total number of competing teams may be about 30. The Land Forces Championships start tomorrow at Boundary Street with the finals on Thursday. The RAF Championships are being held on Saturday, April 2.

The HKAAC Pentathlon is tentatively fixed for Sunday, April 24, at Wah Yeh College, Kowloon.

The visiting Fijian rugby team, who include at least two international class athletes in Tomal Naidole and Joe Levula, have declined an offer to turn out here. The FARELL Rugby final is more important.

We still hope that they will join our international postal match. The Leamington hall decided to enter a team, the Gold Coast also had decided, North Borneo almost certain, and the Fijians would make this postal match a real international affair.

Scotland Defeat Wales 5-0 At Amateur Soccer

Bangor, Mar. 6.

The Scottish Football Association selected a team including ten Queen's Park players for the Amateur International Soccer match against Wales here yesterday, and the policy was well justified with early Mist, Tudor, Galloway, Braes, Pointman and Mont Tremblant.

Early Mist, the only candidate in next week's race backed to emulate the great feat of Golden Miller in 1934 in winning the Grand National and Gold Cup, is said to be well fancied by his clever Irish trainer, Vincent

At half time Scotland led by an eighth minute goal from Mont Tremblant. They rubbed home their superiority in the second phase when Wales could do little right.

In the third minute a shot by Murray was deflected into the Welsh goal by set back G. Morgan, then between the 45th and 50th minute Murray scored three straight goals to 4-0.

ENGLAND v FRANCE



R. Higgins goes over to score England's first try in the Rugby Union International against France at Twickenham. France won by 16 points to nine.

Festival Is A Very Proper Description For The National Hunt Meeting

London, Mar. 6.

Festival is a very proper description for the National Hunt meeting to be held next week at Prestbury Park, Cheltenham, among the Cotswold Hills in glorious Gloucestershire.

Eighteen valuable prizes will be keenly competed for during the three-day meeting with the Gold Cup Steeplechase and the Champion Hurdle Challenge Cup as the two main events. Entries total 617.

This Cheltenham meeting is to chasing enthusiasts what Ascot is to the flat racing fans. The Derby at Epsom and the Grand National at Aintree are the two top races in their respective racing spheres but they are one-day affairs and the racing fan would undoubtedly vote for Ascot and Cheltenham as being the No. 1 meetings of the year.

Cheltenham is really delightful on a fine March day and there is every hope the recent bitter winds and heavy snow will give way to sunny spring-like weather to enable racegoers to enjoy to the full the wonderful races that are keenly anticipated.

Both the Gold Cup and the Champion Hurdle look to be more open and likely to provide greater thrills than those before. Both should produce almost record fields of first class chasers and hurdlers.

The Gold Cup of three miles four furlongs next Thursday, March 10, will attract about a dozen of the best chasers in Britain and Ireland, including last year's winner, the locally trained Four Ten. All carry 12 stone (108 lb).

JUST FAVOURITE

In the unofficial betting the nine-year-old Four Ten is just favourite at three to one. His jockey, Tommy Cusack, fully expects to win on him again, so well is he travelling. Only Golden Miller Easter Hero and Cottage Rake have brought off this notable double since the inception of the race in 1924.

Close in the betting is the ten-year-old Halloween to be ridden by the ex-Champion Jockey, Freddie Winter. Halloween was only third last year, eight lengths behind Four Ten, but he has been fencing so superbly this season that many backers will support him to reverse the placings.

Last year's second, Mariner's Log, is welling for the Grand National.

Though they are not the only probabilities with a chance of upsetting their well-backed rivals, only five horses look like being supported to do so. They are early Mist, Tudor, Galloway, Braes, Pointman and Mont Tremblant.

Early Mist, the only candidate in next week's race backed to emulate the great feat of Golden Miller in 1934 in winning the Grand National and Gold Cup, is said to be well fancied by his clever Irish trainer, Vincent

O'Brien. He will have Bryn Marshall on his back so will lack nothing from the saddle.

A mare has not won the Gold Cup since Ballinade in 1925 but Bramble Tudor, winner of her last three races, must have a wonderful chance this year. This young seven-year-old has been specially trained for the race.

Snow ploughs were used to clear her Yorkshire gallops during the recent foul weather and she has now gone to the seaside for the breezy and to train on the sands. Nothing is being left to chance.

Galloway, Braes and Pointsman are stablesmates in the same ownership. The former ten-year-old is more favoured than his rival who is three years younger. For all that Pointsman, if he stands up, might well provide the better of the pair.

The 1952 winner, Mont Tremblant, carrying the Golden Miller colours of Miss Dorothy Paget, has only had one outing this year but he is a safe jumper and cannot possibly be left out of calculations. Though he is at much longer odds for the Gold Cup and Grand National than early Mist, there are more unlikely things than that he should prove to be a second "Miller" and win them both.

Not only will these fine chasers be striving for the coveted cup and the money that goes with it but many owners will doubtless have an eye on the valuable Belmont Park Steeplechase to be run in the States on May 21.

Representatives of the Belmont Park Executive will be watching the race at Cheltenham with a view to inviting the best over for their big two and a half miles event.

What a wonderful race this promises to be. Perhaps Bramble Tudor for win and place may be the best bet for those wishing to have a financial interest.

NO LESS THRILLING

No less thrilling is expected to be the two-mile Champion Hurdle on Tuesday, March 8, which may attract the biggest field for years with more than two dozen bidding for the title of champion hurdler of the season.

Sir Ken, last year's winner, will not only be attempting to set a new record by winning the race four successive years but to

defy the hoodoo which has always beset eight-year-olds. Since the race was inaugurated in 1927 it has never been won by an eight-year-old. Horses of every other age from four to eleven have been successful with five, six and seven-year-olds having the best record.

Sir Ken has been training on the sands at Shorebury in Essex with a view to pulling off a "four timer". His form this season has not been particularly impressive and for once he may not start favourite though at present he heads the betting at four to one, jointly with the Irish challenger, Stroller, and the French-bred Clair Soleil.

Stroller has already beaten Sir Ken this season though he was in receipt of weight, but he is undoubtedly the chief threat to several crossing the Irish Sea after this prize. Like early Mist, he comes from the stables of the Irish wizard, Vincent O'Brien, who would dearly love to carry off both these two top Cheltenham prizes. Stroller is a seven-year-old.

Clair Soleil, winner of the rich Triumph Hurdle for four-year-olds two years ago is unbeaten this season and none knows just how good this son of Maravedis really is. He will be ridden by Freddie Winter who has a first rate chance of bringing off the Gold Cup-Champion Hurdle double. Both Halloween and Clair Soleil should certainly reach the first three.

PLENTY OF OTHERS

There are plenty of other top class hurdlers with more than an outside chance. Among them are the versatile "Neholme" who has won flat race sprints, steeplechases and hurdle events; Prince Charmagne, who has also been well-backed to win the Lincolnshire Handicap, and Torenco with impressive form this season.

But if the winner does not come from Sir Ken, Stroller or Clair Soleil, the punter will be surprised and the bookmakers highly delighted. It certainly looks as if one of this trio must win and they may finish one, two, three.

The Gold Cup and Champion Hurdle are, but two of the festival races which will all be hotly contested and which should produce possibly the best of Cheltenham meeting ever, especially if the "fog" of the weather does his duty as nobly as the clerk of the course.—China Mail Special.

Canada World Champions At Ice Hockey, Beat Soviet Russia 5-0

Bonn, Mar. 6.

Canada won the 1955 World Ice Hockey Championship when they defeated the Soviet Union, the 1954 World Champions, by five goals to nil at Krefeld today. The period scores were 1-0, 2-0, 2-0.

A nervous Soviet team saw the World Ice Hockey crown tumble from its head to fall into eager Canadian hands when the North Americans whitewashed the 1954 Champions.

This was the climax of the 10-day Championship fought out in West German cities for 10 days between teams representing nine nations.

Czechoslovakia edged the United States out of the third place in today's tenth and final round with the Americans taking fourth place, Sweden fifth and Finland staying ninth and last.

Excellent conceived offensives by the Soviets evaporated before the Canadian team's tight, solid defence. The Canadians got the puck and in the fourth minute, Shebaga opened the score with a pass from Middleton.

The North Americans were in top gear and their speed in anticipation and breaking up the Soviet passes shook their opponents.

Apart from Canada's MacAvoy spending two minutes on the bench for a foul, play in the first period went according to the rules.

After a Soviet back scored against his team in the eighth minute of the second period, Shebaga took a pass from Fairburn to score his second goal four minutes later.

From then on the Soviets were playing as an already beaten team. Whether it was bad luck or just clumsiness, a Soviet forward fell twice to lose the puck before an open Canadian goal.

CONFIRMED IT

The Canadians then confirmed their superiority as individual players to such a point that when MacAvoy and then Konway were benched their opponents were unable to exploit their temporary numerical superiority.

But when Soviet player Sologubov was sent off for a foul at the end of the second period all the Soviets could do was to hug their goal.

Bill Warwick and MacAvoy scored the last two goals in the sixth and eighth minute of the final period. Soviet goalkeeper Postchikov, who failed to justify his reputation today, was replaced by G. Mirnytskyan.

Although the Canadians seemed certain of victory, their players became irritated with Turala, Konway and Middleton being sent to the bench.

One minute before the final whistle the Canadians had only three players on the ice, but despite all their efforts the Soviets could not save the whitewash.

On two occasions a fight was in the making following heavy body contacts between opponents, but, full of energy, the two Swiss referees managed to restore order.

FINAL STANDINGS

Final standings in the World Ice Hockey Championships after today's tenth and final round were:

	Goals
Canada	5
Soviet Union	0
Czechoslovakia	3
United States	2
Sweden	4
West Germany	2
Poland	2
Switzerland	1
Finland	1

—France-Press.

PENULTION GOES WILD

Penultion, B.C., Mar. 6. This city of 14,000 erupted in a wild celebration today of the home town victory over Soviet Russia in the World Ice Hockey Championships.

Penultion's team had represented Canada in the World Championship. A fire truck with arms wide open led an impromptu parade through the streets to inform everyone of the 5-0 triumph scored by the Penultion team at Krefeld, Germany.

The Canadian Legion pipe band were mounted on the back of the fire truck. Behind the truck, about 6,000 hockey fans danced beneath a storm of streamers and confetti from crowded office buildings.

A giant street dance was scheduled for this evening and was expected to last until dawn. —United Press.

Ban On Sponge Bat To Be Proposed

Utrecht, Mar. 6.

A ban on the sponge bat will be proposed again when the International Table Tennis Federation meet here on April 20, it is understood.

The proposal will be made by Belgium and Western Germany, and it is expected to be supported by Wales, whose proposal last year to ban the bat was turned down. England, however, are against the move.

(It was learned in London that England might recommend that all member countries of the Federation should hold official investigations with a view to a decision on the bat being made next year.)

The Soviet Union will urge that the time for 'warming up' before a match be not more than two minutes. They will also make recommendations concerning the time rule for matches.

During the World Championships to be held here from April 16 to 24 several matches may be decided with observance of this rule.

It is reported that Japan have asked for the 1956 Championships to be held in Tokyo in May.—Reuter.

Colony Singles Final Today

The following are terms matches scheduled for this afternoon and the remainder of the week at Hongkong Cricket Club Courts.

COLONY

Singles Final: K. H. Ip v Edwin Tsai.

Tomorrow

Doubles Final: K. H. Ip and Edwin Tsai v Tsui Yun-pui and Tsui Wai-pui.

HKCO TOURNAMENT

Today

1. Weldon v Mahon; 2. Thompson v Eltringham; 3. Mackie v Milne; 4. Lonne v Mackie; 5. Pritchard v Williams.

Tomorrow

1. Smith & Mrs Edwards v F. O. & Mrs Jenkins; 2. Huggan & Miss Skinner v Smart & Mrs Scholes; 3. Williams & Miss Dwyer v Weldon & Miss Madgett; 4. Mackie & Miss Philip v Mr & Mrs Hooton; 5. Taylor & Miss Kenny v Mr & Mrs Story.

Wednesday

1. Mussen v Huggan; 2. Rawlings v Cooke; 3. Flexman v Owen Hughes; 4. Hooton & Stevens v Bendall & Bendall; 5. Bacon & Fridham v Thomson & Cooke.

Thursday

3/4-Finals—Open singles.

Friday

3/4-Finals—Open doubles.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Cricket: Singles final: K. H. Ip v Tsui Wai-pui at 4.30 p.m. Meetings: HKFA Meeting: Sports Road 4.45 p.m.

Tomorrow

Men's "A" Division: Recreation Y.M.C.A. "White". Land Forces: Individual Athletic Championships: Boundary Street (semi-finals). Russia: Fijians v Combined Civilians Club ground 6 p.m. (Under floodlights).

THE GAMBOLS

by Barry Appleby

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SING TAO 2, ARMY 1

"General" Chang Kam-hoi Inspires Troubled Tigers To Another Grand Victory

By I. M. MacTAVISH

'Hold that Tiger' is no longer merely a catch line in a popular song... it is the watchword of every local team that comes up against the lively Sing Tao soccerites.

At the Club Stadium yesterday afternoon the young Tigers showed that, inexperienced as they are supposed to be, they are capable of fighting back when they find things are running against them.

They lost a goal midway through the first half when Morris lifted the ball over Palmer over Tam Nui-hen's head as he ran from his goal. At this stage the Army were very much in control. They were playing fast progressive football and Higgins was causing the Sing Tao defence a lot of trouble with long accurate cross-field passes to Walmesley.

The little left winger thrived on such service and was giving Han Yung-sang a most uncomfortable afternoon. "Time after time he sent dangerous balls across the face of the Tigers' goal, but Chang Kam-hoi was in grand form and his cool timely interventions saved his side time and time again.

ON THE MOVE
When the Sing Tao youngsters got on the move they were always dangerous and only a couple of thrilling saves by Lewis kept the Army goal intact.

The most important stage of the game was fought out in the five minutes before the interval when the Army threw everything into attack in an effort to increase their slender lead. Shots, fobs, crosses and headers were rained on the Tigers' goal but Chang Kam-hoi, general-in-chief, marshalled his defence brilliantly and the interval came with the score unchanged. An Army goal hereabouts might have finished the whole thing.

The game underwent a complete transformation immediately on the re-start. This time it was Sing Tao who went right on to the attack... and in three minutes they were on level terms.

There was, however, just a shade of doubt about the play that led up to the cushioning goal. Referee Kearney's award of a corner didn't get a very good reception from the crowd behind the goal and it looked like the ball had gone out of play before goalkeeper Lewis retrieved it.

However, the referee decreed that it was a corner and from the resultant kick the Sing Tao inside-right put his side on level terms.

This was just the tonic the Tigers needed. They piled on the pressure and increased the speed of their attacks. Lo Kam-chuen kept pushing the ball through to his forwards and he had the eventual satisfaction of seeing one of his well-worked moves produce what turned out to be the winning goal.

The ball bobbed about the Army penalty area and just when it looked as though it had been cleared it was lobbed to the far post from the right. Barker, racing back, could only get the edge of his foot to it and it rolled into the path of Lau Kwok-tai... in a flash it was in the net.

ARMY DEFENCE
The Army defence still played courageously but the attack lost a lot of its earlier fire mainly because Flash Harry had moved forward a little and was now cutting out the long passes that were meant for Walmesley. This took the sting out of the line.

Neither Norris nor Palmer—a last minute deputy for Murray—could really match the tempo of the play... and with Morris being guarded as closely as the crown jewels by Chang Kam-hoi, the danger to both goals came mainly from quick break-away raids.

Both teams had their chances to get further goals but so close was the defensive marking the final whistle came with the Tigers getting the valuable points that they just deserved on their second half display... and also as a prize for their valiant defence in the thrilling closing minutes of the first half.

Foil League Fixtures

The following are the revised fixtures for the month of March.
Today, — Army v. Chinese Black — Foil League Chatham Road 8 p.m., H.K. Police v. H.K. Sword Club — Foil League Central Police Station 9 p.m., Saturday, March 12, — Chinese Black v. R.A.F. Little Salwan Foil League Wah Yan College Kowloon 2.30 p.m.

Monday, March 14, — H.K. Sword Club v. Chinese Black — Foil League RYMCA Kowloon 8 p.m., Army v. Chinese Black — Foil League Chatham Road 8 p.m.

Once again Sing Tao triumphed because of a fine blend of youth and experience. Tam Nui-hen, Han Yung-sang and Chang Kam-hoi gave the youngsters around them a steady influence and an air of confidence... and encouraged them, by example, to a fine response.

Lee Loy and Lo Kam-chuen were thoughtful long-halves and up front Yeung Wai-to, Lo Kwok-lai and Lee Tuk-lung were always on the lookout for a way to goal.

Lewis, Barker and Hayes formed a good soldiers' defence. Crompton played his best game to date in Army colours, but the usually steady Higgins had only a few brilliant things and some that were not nearly so clever.

Walmesley had a good first half and then faded out. Morris never gave up trying. The new inside forwards, Palmer and Norris, both big and strong, did some clever things but seemed shaken by the speed of the play.

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The score was due mainly to the fact that goalkeeper Mantelgas was guilty of a major offence of 'AWOL' by as the only stand hesitantly by as the ball defied the desperate attempts of other Saints defenders to keep it out of the undefended goal.

This was the only blot on an otherwise excellent display by Mantelgas but he was overshadowed by his opposite number, Lam Fook-king, who was deputising in the Kitchee goal for Cheung Koon-hing.

Lam, who was unfairly ribbed by the crowd in the early stages, made them eat their words in no uncertain fashion with as spectacular a display as we have had the pleasure of seeing in a long time. His spectacular work however was never risky... but it was appreciated by the other players and eventually by the crowd, and it was pleasing to see so many handshakes of congratulations being offered to him as he came off the field.

The game had its moments. It was never a sheet level and as much a battle of styles as anything else. The Saints on the ball were quicker than the Kitchee man yet it was the latter swinging passes of the League leaders that kept them in control of most of the play.

Rocha gave the Saints a grand start when he scored a clever counter in the 4th minute. Kwok Yau squared the account seven minutes later after a couple of his teammates had had their at the St Joseph's goal.

HAD THEIR CHANCES
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For Kitchee goalkeeper Lam Fook-king took the main honours but Lee Ping-chui, Kwok Shek, Kwok Yau and Han Ching-to were also in good form. Colony stars Chu Wing-keung and Chan Fui-hung once again had very indifferent games.

The game was well handled by Referee Hancock.

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The two Cúnha's always played well but must have been a little troubled by the poor timing of Bux and Hain behind them. Up front Rocha was the danger man and Neph, who played a very hard game, did not look as good as he does when

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

To The Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed)

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

Braves Slaughter The Once Powerful Pandas; Navy Beat Warriors

Hard-hitting Braves slaughtered the once powerful Pandas 25-7 in a one-sided game and U.S. Navy downed the Warriors in a sixth inning rally to win 13-8 in the Senior "A" League softball matches at King's Park yesterday.

The Tribesmen started on the assault with lightning speed and before the first half inning was over they had already battered luckless young pitcher W. K. Wong of the Pandas out of the box and put the game on ice.

The summary of the score column for the top of the first frame was—nine hits, 10 runs by the Braves, one walk and eight errors by the Pandas.

From then on the Tribesmen played a heads-up game and got clusters of three runs in the third and fifth. They rallied again in the sixth and collected nine runs to wind up a day of big hitting.

The Pandas did their best as they tallied once in the second and third, netted two more runs in the fifth and three in the sixth, including a two-run homer by S. S. Hsu, to bag a total of seven.

Winning pitcher Jack Brown went five innings, yielded three hits and eight walks but whiffed none, while "Chapline" Remedios, pitching for two innings, gave four hits, one walk and struck out one.

Losing slobber W. K. Wong pitched for one and two-thirds frames, yielded nine hits, three walks, and fanned one, while Jackie Wei pitched five and one-third, gave up 10 hits, four walks and struck one out.

Cricket League Standings

The following are the First and Second Division League Cricket standings up to and including March 7:

First Division					
	P	W	L	D	Pts.
KCC	17	12	3	2	—
Army	18	10	3	5	48
North	17	10	4	3	43
Recrolo	17	9	4	3	41
RAF	16	7	3	6	34
Scorpions	15	6	3	5	31
Optimists	17	7	8	2	30
Police	16	7	7	2	30
CCC	16	5	10	1	21
Navy	17	1	15	1	5
University	14	0	14	0	—
Second Division					
	P	W	L	D	Pts.
RAF	16	12	3	1	51
Army	17	10	4	3	43
KCC	16	9	4	3	39
Recrolo	15	8	2	5	34
Police	16	9	2	5	34
RGV	16	8	0	2	34
IRC "A"	16	8	7	1	33
IRC "B"	16	8	9	1	33
Dockyard	16	7	8	1	32
Navy	16	8	10	2	28
DBS	16	7	9	0	28
University	15	0	13	2	2

Morale High With The Staff Today

The South China Morning Post Sports Association table tennis team played a friendly match with Kowloon-Canton Railway Athletic and Social Club at the S.C.M. Post Sports Association on Saturday, and won by 18 points to 9.

The South China Morning Post Sports Association basketball team beat the Tung Luc team in a friendly basketball match at Southern Basketball Court yesterday by 33 points to 24.

Battling honours went to Tony Omand and Junior Remedios for a three in four. Hank Kilean and Manuel Gutierrez followed closely with two in three and three in five, including a three bagger.

SAILORS WIN

Warriors and U.S. Navy battled quite evenly in another Senior "A" Division game. The former led 3-1 in the first but the sailors came on top in the second to lead 4-3. Both teams rallied in the third but the tars doubled the effort and enjoyed a 10-0 lead.

They added another two runs in the sixth and the Tribesmen only pushed two across the plate in the last and lost 8-13.

Blackhawks Aces received another walkover from the Pandas Bees in the only Senior "B" game scheduled.

In the Junior loop between CAA Jr. and P. I. Dodgers, the former played well and handed the latter an 8-3 defeat to qualify for the final play-off.

The Junior Athletics were helped by the losing pitcher who issued several free tickets in the second inning and they rallied to have five of them sent home rubber.

They tallied once in each of the third, sixth and seventh to accumulate a total of eight while the Dodgers only opened their score in the sixth and tallied twice in the last.

The Wahoes Aces beat their listless sister team 8-1. They began to score in the third and went to town in the fourth for four runs. They collected another four later to win easily.

The Bees played a very quiet game and first baseman Angela D'Aquino homered in the fourth to save a shut out.

The Wahoes Bees played another game in the afternoon against the Overseas to complete the qualifying rounds. They breezed through the rookie Overseas to win 20-4 in five innings.

Saturday results were Blackhawks Bees edged the improved Lynxes 10-8. Pandas Ladies took the double-header by a walkover from the Colossus Aces as the latter could not field a team on time.

JUNIORS FINISH
The Junior Leagues have completed their schedule. In the Blue section, Ducks and Comets were qualified while in the Gold Section Blackhawks 'B' and CAA Jr. won the race for the final play-off. Due to lack of time the final play-off will be a single round affair only. It will start this week-end.

At the same time the Junior Consolidation knock-out competition will be carried on. The seven teams excluded from the play-off will start their elimination round this Saturday. The winner will play the three unsuccessful teams in the play-off for the Consolidation KO Champion.

The Ladies' qualifying rounds were also completed and starting this week-end, the play-off for the Ladies' Senior

and Junior Series will commence. It has been decided that Wahoes Aces and Bees, South China Ladies and Pandas will compete for the Senior title and Colossus Bees, CAA and Overseas Ladies for the Junior Crown.

Colossus Aces, who forfeited one-third of their games in the qualifying rounds, will be barred from the final play-off series. These series will be of a single round also.

HOW THEY STAND
The up-to-date standings in the Senior Leagues are as follows:

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Senior "B"

If life begins at 40 what does it mean in the 'fifties'? M. Jean H. Brown, a former lawn tennis player, might be asked by many admirers, for this Wimbledon champion of 1926 is still taking part in the game.

London praised him on his 40th birthday. The year-old Michael Davies in

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The challenge has been accepted. The only question to be asked is whether anyone will be supporting the referees' Seven, an untested man will be hard to find. Here are the two Sevens:

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Club "A" walkover.
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27 HAA "A" 8, RAF Sek Kong 5.
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Evo, walkover.
25th Fld "B" 3, RAF Sol Wan "A" 0.
72 LAA "A", walkover.
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Only One Surprise In First Round Of Seven-a-Sides

By "PAK LO"

On Saturday the first round matches of the Blarney Stone Seven-a-Side Tournament were played off on the Navy ground at Causeway Bay in the afternoon, and under floodlights on the Club ground in the evening.

The continuity of the afternoon games was marred, from the spectators' point of view, by the intervals which were interspersed between the games. This was due to the number of last-minute scratchings and no blame can be attached to the Tournament organisers.

However, it is expected that there will be no more scratchings from now on. As a result of these scratchings the Organisers have suggested that in the future each team be required to pay an entrance fee of \$35, \$30 of which would be returnable contingent on the team playing, the remaining \$5 going to the charities which these games help to support.

The spectators who turned up at the Club ground certainly saw the best of the first round games, for the standard and speed in the evening was a big improvement on the afternoon's play.

In fact only two games stood out in the afternoon. One was the REME Hornets versus H.K. Signal Regt., which the latter won by 15 points to nil. Blackburn was the star of the Signals, scoring with some lovely runs from well inside his own half of the field.

72nd LAA "A" were given a "walkover" and their capabilities are therefore still largely a matter of conjecture. It is expected that they will do well, and the game between them and the 1st King's Own "B", who should become one of the semi-finalists, should be first class.

The other outstanding game in the afternoon saw 6 COD "A" narrowly defeat 42nd Field Regt "B" by 8-6.
This game brought together two evenly matched teams, both of which played a fine, sparkling brand of rugby which enlivened the proceedings on end.

ONE SURPRISE
The one surprise of the afternoon occurred in the first match when Far East Farm "A" beat RAF Kai Tak "A" by 5 points to nil.

As so often happens in Sevens the luck and the bounce of the ball was on the side of the Far East Farm. "A" team and they made the most of their opportunity.

Wayfoong also scraped through into the next round by beating HQLF by 8 points to 3 points. Petrie was, as expected, the outstanding man, but it was team work that won through to the quarter-finals the rest of the team will have to back Petrie up to a greater extent.

In the evening the best two games were the ones with the largest scores. 1st King's Own "A" in which 173 Loc. Bty. by 18-0, showed a superior brand of Sevens rugby to that seen all day, and this team should definitely reach the semi-final while 25 Field "A" ran circles round Club "B" to win by 23-0, which incidentally was the highest score of the day.

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A year later, in San Diego, California, was born another great player, Maureen Connolly, who announced her retirement last month.

But Borotra, the "Bouncing Basque", plays on with incredible energy. In 1928 there was a report that he was unlikely to play in first class singles again. Then, in 1962, he himself said he was too old for singles.

Doing his best to age, he has said since however: "I will stop when my body no longer lets me play." He will always be willing. — China Mail Special.

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RAF Salwan "B", walkover.
27 LAA "B" 0, REME Bees 0.

TODAY'S GAMES
This afternoon's games and times are as follows: Dampier "B" versus Condamine "A", and Tamar Ternmets versus Condamine "B" will be played off early in the afternoon on the Causeway Bay ground.

On The Club Ground
4.20 p.m.: Police "A" v. 42 Fld Regt "A".
4.40 p.m.: Dampier "A" v. 1st North Staffs.
5.00 p.m.: Far East Farm "A" v. Club "A".
5.20 p.m.: 1st King's Own "B" v. 27 HAA "A".
5.40 p.m.: 15 Fld. Park Sqdn. v. 14th Fld.
6.00 p.m.: winner of Dampier "B"/Condamine "A" v

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1954, and the Balance
Sheet as at that date.
(2) To approve the Dividend.
(3) To elect Directors.
(4) To appoint Auditors.
The Register of Members
will be closed from Wednes-
day, the 23rd of February, to
Tuesday, the 8th of March,
1955, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. H. FELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th Feb., 1955.

To ADVERTISERS
SUNDAY POST-HERALD
Space for commercial
advertising should be
booked not later than
noon on Wednesdays.
For the SOUTH CHINA
MORNING POST and the
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before date of publication.
Special Announcements
and Classified Advertis-
ments as usual.

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P.O. Box 53 Queen's Building Tel: 26351
FAST PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE
"VIETNAM" sailing Apr. 8th
"CAMBODGE" sailing May 20th
FAST FREIGHT SERVICE
"ANADYR" sailing Mar. 28th
"MRINAM" sailing Apr. 16th

NOTICE

Notice to Shareholders
THE HONGKONG AND
YAUAMATI FERRY
COMPANY LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that
the Twenty-Seventh Ordinary
Annual Meeting of the Com-
pany will be held at the
Company's Office, Jordan
Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on
Saturday the 2nd April, 1955,
at 12.00 noon for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the
Directors and Statement of
Accounts for the year ended
31st December, 1954, to
declare Dividends, to elect
Directors and to appoint
Auditors.

Notice is also given that
the Share Register of the
Company will be closed from
the 21st March, to the 2nd
April, 1955, both days in-
clusive.

By Order of the Board,
LAU TAK PO,
Managing Director.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1955.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND
YAUAMATI FERRY
COMPANY LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders
Extraordinary General
Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that an Extraordinary
General Meeting of The Hong-
kong & Yauamati Ferry Com-
pany, Limited, will be held at
the Company's Offices, Jordan
Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon
on Saturday the 2nd Day of
April, 1955, at 12.30 p.m. (or
as soon thereafter as the
Ordinary Annual Meeting to
be held at Noon on that date
shall have concluded) for the
purpose of considering, and if
thought fit, passing the
following Resolution as an
Ordinary Resolution:—

"That it is desirable to
capitalize the sum of
\$1,680,000.00 being part
of the undivided profits
of the Company standing
at the credit of the
Company's Reserve Fund
and accordingly that a
special Capital Bonus of
\$1,680,000.00 be de-
clared and that such
bonus be applied on be-
half of the persons who
on the 2nd day of April,
1955, were the holders of
the 336,000 issued shares
of the Company in pay-
ment in full for 168,000
unissued ordinary shares
credited as fully paid be
accordingly allotted to
such persons in the pro-
portion of one such
ordinary share for every
two of the said 336,000
issued shares then held
by such persons respec-
tively, and that the
shares so allotted shall
be treated for all pur-
poses as an increase of
the nominal amount of
the Capital of the Com-
pany held by each such
shareholder and not as
income, and that such
shares shall rank for
dividend from the 1st
January, 1955, and that
no fractional certificates
shall be issued but that
shares representing frac-
tions shall be allotted to
a trustee to be nominated
by the Directors upon
trust for sale on such
conditions as they con-
sider expedient, and the
net proceeds of sale shall
be distributed propor-
tionately amongst those
members who would
otherwise be entitled to
such fractions and in
satisfaction thereof."

By Order of the Board,
LAU TAK PO,
Managing Director.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1955.

FRENCH ACCUSED OF ATTACKS IN NORTH LAOS

London, Mar. 6.
A spokesman of Pathet Lao—the pro-Com-
munist rebel Government in North Laos—has
accused the French high command of infringing
the Geneva armistice agreement by attacking
Pathet Lao units in the northern provinces of
Samneua and Phongsaly, the Communist New
China News Agency reported today.
The statement says: "Up to the beginning of
1955, the other side (the French) has carried out
altogether 63 attacks and cases of plunder or
massacre against the population, including 31
assaults against Pathet Lao units."

The spokesman called on the
French high command to give
instructions for the "immediate
cessation" of these attacks.

The spokesman alleged that
on March one, 1955, the "other
side" launched a "fierce attack"
and "are driving forwards into
North Laos."

He listed other alleged
"flagrant violations" of the
Geneva agreement and said:
"We strongly protest against the
above mentioned plots and ac-
tivities in sabotaging peace."

"We solemnly declare," he
said, "that the Pathet Lao fight-
ing units are determined to op-
pose these acts of violations and
will not be a responsibility in
case the Pathet Lao units are
forced to defend themselves."

"U.S. WAR BASE
The spokesman alleged
that there was a "plot to
draw Laos into military
aggressive blocs headed by
the United States imperial-
ists in an attempt to turn
this country into a United
States war base."

The statement concluded:
"We also hold that the Laos
political conference should be
continued so as to settle common
important problems in Laos,
including the military question
in Phongsaly and Samneua
provinces."—Reuter.

No Immediate Danger In Southeast Asia

Darwin, Mar. 6.
The Australian Minister for
External Affairs, Mr. Richard
Casey, said here today that
there was no immediate "or even
early" danger of war in South-
east Asia.

"There has been some criticism
in certain places because we
didn't decide to station substan-
tial bodies of troops in definite
countries," Mr. Casey continued,
"but the SEATO Conference did
all it set out to do."

He said the machinery had
been set up by the Conference to
deal with military, economic
and anti-subversive questions,
of which the last was the most
urgent.

No decisions had been made
for military commitments, be-
cause the time was not ripe for
this, the Minister continued. If
any commitments had been
made it would have been "play-
ing into the hands of any
potential enemy."

However, Mr. Casey thought
that the military situation would
have to be discussed "very soon."
—France-Press.

Scene From British Film



Michael Redgrave, as a fire-
man, and Ludmilla Tcherna,
in a scene from the Powell-
Pressburger colour and Cine-
mascope film, "Oh, Rosalinde,"
now in production at Eclair.
—Central Press Photo.

West Bromwich, Mar. 6.
West Bromwich's colour bar
dispute ended this weekend with
the town's bus workers re-
suming normal Saturday ser-
vices for the first time for three
weeks.

They had decided finally over-
night to accept a 27-year-old
Indian, Bhikhu Patel, as a con-
ductor and to stop their Satur-
days' only strikes against jobs
for immigrants pending official
negotiations on the manage-
ment's general employment
policy.

Pearling Industry Off Darwin Is Dying

Darwin, Mar. 6.
Mother of pearl, worth many millions of
pounds lies on the sea-bed within 40 miles of the
Northern Australian coast. But the Darwin
pearling industry is too sick to do much about it.
The Japanese hauled up shell worth about
£A1,000,000 (HK\$13,000,000) from these beds in
just over four months. Australian luggers based
at Darwin have been working eight months to
pays the £A150,000 (HK\$1,560,000) marks.
Eleven luggers were registered at Darwin at the
beginning of the season. Only eight are operating today.
Unless the industry receives an unexpected fillip, only
one will be working in a year's time.

The industry's illness is
"diver trouble," an acute short-
age which is straggling a
potentially profitable trade.
Divers in Darwin are more
precious than the tiny pearls
themselves. The present indica-
tions are that they will remain
so.

200 JAP SHIPS
The Japanese had 200
ships in waters north of
Australia before World War
II. Their consistent good
hunts began to wipe out the
beds.

The long rest during the war
years has brought the beds back
to life. Today, they are flourish-
ing. Fresh beds are being
worked every month. But un-
less the Federal Government can
attract trained pearl divers to
Darwin, the beds will again be
left to the Japanese to work
almost unopposed.

Mr. N. Haritos, of Haritos
Brothers, master pearlers, said:
"We shall just have to get
divers from somewhere in a
hurry. If we don't, we shall
have to sell our beds. And that
goes for almost all the master
pearlers working from Darwin."
"We shall be out again next
season, but unless something

unexpected happens, we shall
not be in the pearling business
the following year."

The divers know what the
shortage means. Some demand
big cash advances for their
season's work. Unless their de-
mands are met, they move to
another master perler.

Sums of up to £A1,000
(HK\$13,000) have been ad-
vanced in a season to individual
divers. Some of them play up
when the lugger reaches port
and have to be virtually
dragged back to the ship.

TWO POINTS

Attempts to get the
pearling industry back into
the big money have been
marked by two things:

1. The failure of Greek
sponge divers; and
2. The success of the
Japanese.

The Greeks, who were to be
the answer to the diver short-
age, were brought out from the
island of Kalymnos at the ex-
pense of the Australian Govern-
ment. They arrived at Darwin
with a high reputation. Many
thought that the pearling in-
dustry would soon be back on
its feet.

They had been engaged for
two years and advances worth
more than £A300 (HK\$3,000)
were made to them.

Why they failed is not known.
Before they left Kalymnos, they
were told work they would
have to do. But when taken
out to the beds one refused to
dive at all. Another came up
crying and protesting that the
water was too cold.

They were out from Darwin
for a month and only got 1
cwt. of shell between them.

ONLY ONE

Only one Greek diver
looks like making the
grade. The others are work-
ing outside the industry.
He is the youngest of the
group, 25-year-old Skevos
Mazarellos, who says that a
sponge diver can soon adapt
himself to pearl diving.

Trained by Henry Sullivan,
a 38-year-old Thursday Islander
who is one of the best divers in
the industry, Mazarellos
should earn more than £A600
(HK\$7,800) in the last three
months of the season.

Another move has been made
to bring out more divers from
Greece. But even if the Gov-
ernment is successful, Darwin
master pearlery are not. They
claim that they lost too much
in the last experiment.

While the Greeks were fail-
ing, the Japanese were smash-
ing pre-war records. They got
their quota of 800 tons in four
and a half months, averaging
38 tons a boat, compared with
an average of 20 tons from
boats operating from Darwin.
The Japanese had a fleet of 25
luggers, each 75 feet long. Aus-
tralian luggers are between 48
and 52 feet.

The Japanese worked three
divers continuously during the
peak tides. While three divers
went down, three others rested
on the deck of the lugger.
Australian luggers generally
work two divers with one re-
serve. But some boats have only
two divers.

TWENTY TONS

Master pearlery employ-
ing Malay and Thursday
Island divers claim that
each lugger must win 20
tons of pearl shell before
the venture is profitable.

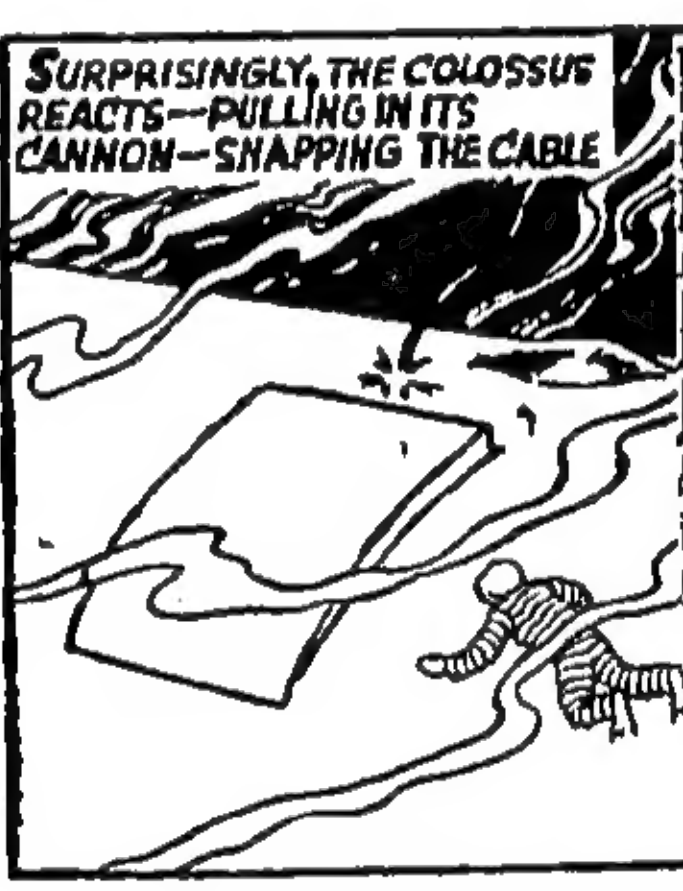
Good divers earn up to
£A2,000 (HK\$26,000) a year
and they work for only eight
months, from April to Decem-
ber.

Each man aboard the lugger
gets a percentage of the shell
won—even if he is injured early
in the season and spends most
of the time ashore.

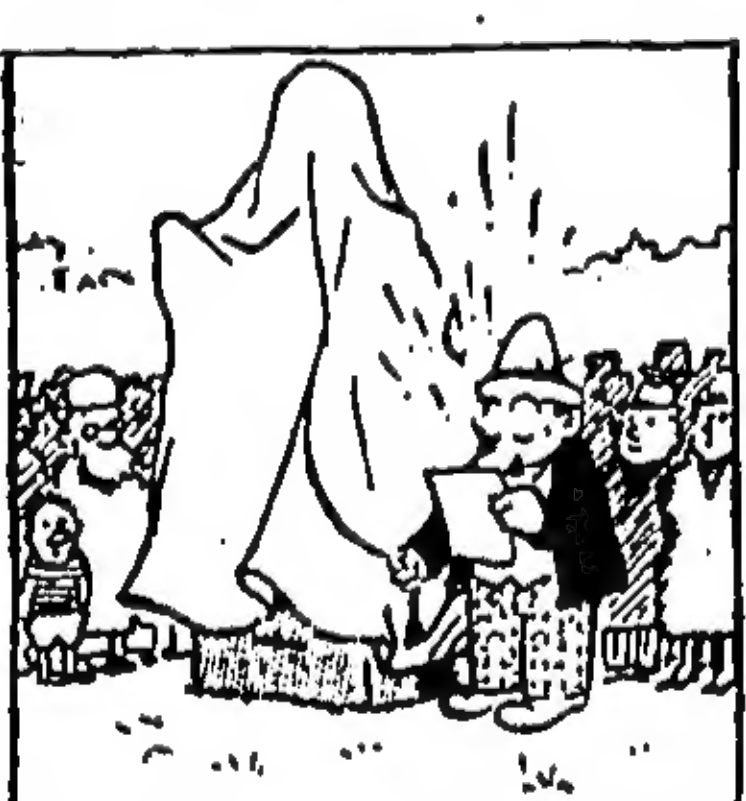
On top of these expenses,
there is the cost of fuel and
stores. These run into hundreds
of pounds a year.

Thirty-five Japanese divers
were brought to Darwin two
years ago. The same number
brought to Darwin would put
the industry well on the way
to earning £A400,000 (HK\$5,
000,000) a year—China Mail
speculates.

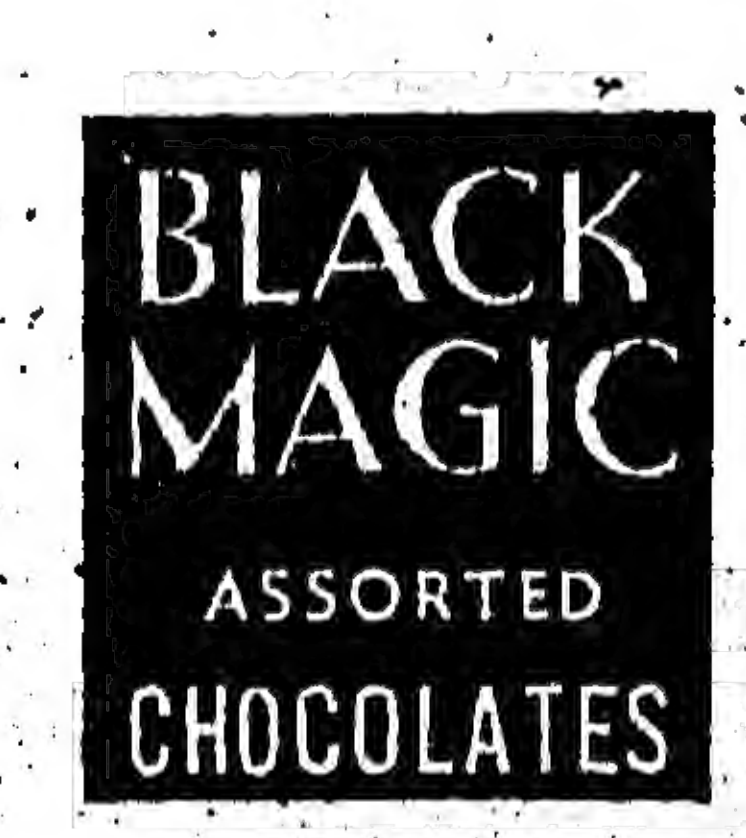
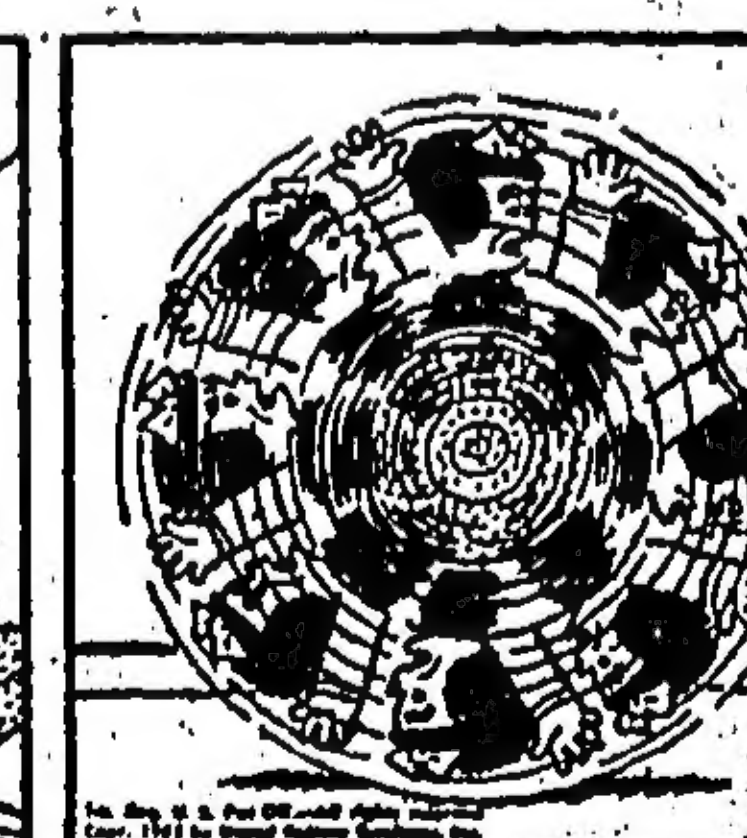
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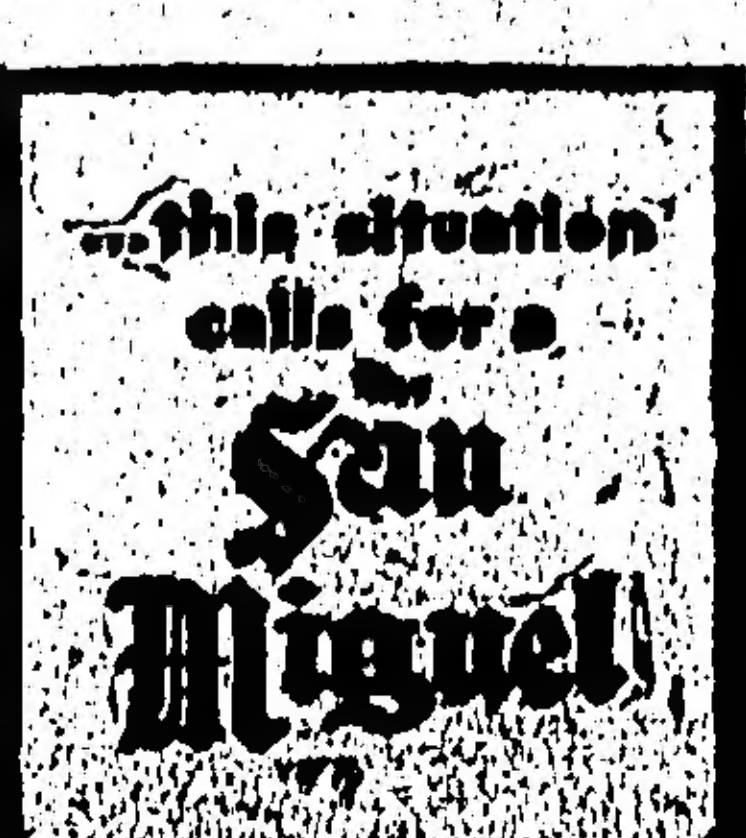
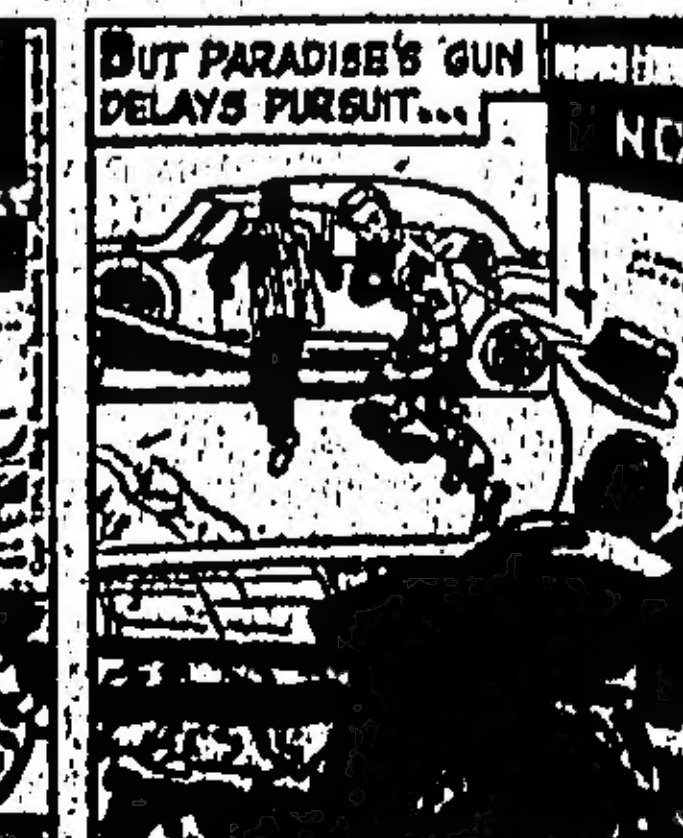
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NANCY



JOHNNY HAZARD



THE CHLORELLA

MAY SOLVE
WORLD
FOOD
PROBLEMS

Jerusalem, Mar. 6.
Single cell microscopic organisms called chlorella may be the solution of the world's food problems, according to publication sponsored by the Hebrew University here.

These organisms, floating in bright green masses in special tanks at the Chaim Weizmann Memorial Laboratory of the University, are among the most efficient producers of protein in the entire vegetable kingdom, the publication states.

Experiments are now being conducted to discover cheap methods of producing the chlorella in commercial quantities.

Describing its culinary qualities, scientists say: "It is not only edible, but also palatable to many tastes."

The chlorella is described as a unicellular organism which abounds in rivers, lakes, and ponds. For its existence, it requires nothing but air, carbon dioxide, a few readily available chemicals, and the sunshine which combines these elements to form glucose.

The organism reproduces itself rapidly, sometimes as often as twice in 24 hours.

OTHER COUNTRIES

Experiments with the production of chlorella have been in progress for the past ten years in a number of countries, including Britain, the United States, Japan and Germany.

In some of these countries, pilot plants have been set up to produce, within a restricted area, the conditions for the existence and reproduction of the organism.

The University's publication discloses that at the Hebrew University's Botany Department here, scientists have abandoned the accepted methods in use in other countries.

Pilot plants in the United States and Japan take the form of long shallow tanks in which water is constantly circulated by electrically driven pumps, thus ensuring that the organisms, which are heavier than water, do not sink but remain close to the surface and receive the full benefit of the sun's rays.

Here, the shallow tank has been replaced by a deeper one about one metre (three feet) high and two metres (six feet) wide, with transparent plastic walls, a semi-open roof and mirrors set at an angle at top and bottom. The sunlight pours into the tanks, illuminating the liquid which gleams with a brilliant emerald hue.

WATER CIRCULATES

An inexpensive motor, driven by paddles, keeps the water in circulation and the mirrors are so adjusted as to reflect the sun rays back to the tank when the position of the sun would normally render this impossible.

"Should this plant prove successful, it will mean that a far smaller area will be needed to produce the same quantities of chlorella as are being produced in the earlier type of plant," Israeli business explain.

The scientists here, like his counterpart in other countries, hopes that chlorella will eventually become a staple part of human diet.

The Botany Department, however, believes that its greatest use will be as feed for chicken and cattle.

The first experiments conducted here in 1951 secured yields of chlorella which, in terms of normal agricultural production, would equal 120 tons of dry matter per acre a year.

COMPARISON

Some idea may be gained of the importance of these results if they are compared with the most efficient of present food crops. The sugar beet, which yields 20 tons per acre if two crops are planted yearly.

Thus, the bright green organism in the simple tank-like apparatus of the Hebrew University may ultimately prove the answer to the grave problem of world food production lagging behind ever increasing populations. — China Mail Special.

BRIGHT SILK
WAISTCOATS

Berlin, Mar. 6.
The well dressed German male this summer will wear a bright coloured silk waistcoat and a single-breasted suit for town and a woollen waistcoat with sports clothes in the country.

Clothing manufacturers at Frankfurt said that men's fashion trends throughout the world showed a break with conservative and the prevailing appearance was being fastidiously eliminated. — China Mail Special.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

CITY NOT DOWNHEARTED

Chancellor's Measures
Approved But
There Are Pitfalls

From Ronald Boxall

London, Mar. 6.

The size of the dollar "gap" that opened up in February explains the Government's anxiety at the sudden adverse turn in Britain's economic affairs and justifies the severe measures taken to meet it.

The month's gold and dollar transactions resulted in a net deficit of \$82 million and the reserves fell by that amount to \$2,681 million. This was the heaviest "real" monthly fall in the reserves for three years. The bigger losses in August and December last year were a consequence of debt repayments and did not reflect any serious weakening of the underlying dollar position.

The true measure of deterioration in the last few days of the month took place in February, however, is not the actual loss of dollars but the \$101 million deficit that appears in that part of the account which reflects the sterling area's trade and payments position. To find it, it is necessary to look at the recent trend of the United Kingdom's overseas trade.

Between October and January the average monthly trade deficit rose sharply to £63 million compared with £39 million twelve months earlier. Over the same months the deficit with the non-sterling world, including North America, spurted to £50 million.

IMPORTANT FACTOR

It is easier to point to factors that caused this sudden reversal of the dollar position than to apportion the blame between them. But the most important was undoubtedly the cost of supporting sterling just above its minimum "gold point" of 2.78 dollars. How many dollars had been used for this purpose is not known; but the figure was large and it increased sharply.

N.Y. COTTON
MARKET
REVIEW

By William Plunkett

New York, Mar. 6.

A gradual retreat in cotton prices this past week developed into a near-rout before the period closed.

Giving ground in four out of the five sessions, the old crop deliveries on Friday plummeted to the lowest level in a little more than a year.

Nearly March contracts touched 33.00 cents a pound, establishing the lowest level since March 1, 1954.

At Friday's close the general list was off 60 to 82 points, or 3 to 4.10 a bale than the preceding week.

Foremost among the many cited reasons for the reversal of form were: 1. Proposals to force the sale of surplus cotton in world markets at competitive prices; 2. Dullness in the textile trade; 3. Farm legislation uncertainties dealing with price supports and acreage controls; 4. The slow-down in domestic mill and export buying of raw cotton; 5. Heavier redemptions out of the government loan stock.

Failure of the market to show more rallying power following the cessation of urgent March liquidation, and the weakness of other outside commodities were additional handicaps to the development of new buying interests.

Selling orders originated chiefly among Wall Street commission houses, Liverpool brokers, Memphis and New Orleans interests. Increased hedge selling and chart reader selling speeded the decline when the market went through former resistance points.

Foreign selling was associated, in part, with the possibility that some form of price concession, or subsidy, eventually will come out of the surplus disposal plan. Talk in other quarters suggested that the Government might sell its surplus cotton abroad at the "loan" price without including carrying charges. But traders thought this reasoning seemed unlikely since officials have tried on numerous occasions they would not sell surplus stocks in competition with the trade. — United Press.

ADDITIONAL HANDICAPS

The situation is now reversed. The transferable pound has been forced up in price by the intervention of the British Exchange Equalization authorities. The scope for absorbing operations has disappeared and to that extent the sterling area is in a better position to earn dollars. But now foreigners convert

their pounds into dollars partly at least at the expense of the reserves.

A DIFFERENCE

Sterling is perhaps no more "convertible" now than it was before. But there is this difference. It can now be exchanged into dollars at a better price; and the price is better because dollars are being spent by Britain to keep it so.

Last week a Member of Parliament asked the Chancellor when he proposed to make sterling officially convertible. He was told "when the conditions are ripe."

There is a section of opinion in Britain that the Chancellor may have no choice in the matter. Convertibility, they argue, has already been introduced "by the back door." All that is required to make it official is to unify the two rates. It would be better to do this voluntarily even though all the conditions may not be just right than to wait and have it thrust upon us by force of circumstance.

YAWNING GAP

This yawning trade gap was due for the most part to a rising demand for imported raw materials for Britain's booming industries, accompanied by a worsening of the terms of trade. Imports have been rising faster than exports, both in volume and value, and this has undermined confidence in Britain's economy and therefore by one short step in the value of the pound.

All this was reflected in the February gold and dollar figures. But although the motive for the Chancellor's action to meet the situation is now better appreciated than at the time, the City of London has resolutely refused to be downhearted.

Its optimistic mood is partly explained by the recovery of sterling, both "official" and transferable varieties—since the increase in the bank rate and partly by the fact that on reflection the measures seem less severe than they did at first.

Fears that the mild disinflationary trend that the Chancellor was setting in motion would snowball into a slump are seen as having been exaggerated; but their place has been taken by another and more reasonable doubt.

E.E.A. INTERVENTION

This concerns the effect of the Chancellor's decision to allow the Exchange Equalization Account authorities to intervene at their discretion in transferable sterling markets to discourage trading in "cheap" pounds.

When this decision was taken at 2.72 dollars against the "official" sterling rate of 2.78 dollars. Since then transferable sterling has risen to about 2.70 dollars while the official rate has gone up to 2.79 dollars. The Chancellor has thus achieved his main purpose which was to narrow the gap between the two pounds and thus eliminate the scope for "arbitrage" operations and other financial transactions in "cheap" pounds that result in a loss of dollar earnings.

DIRECT ONE

But he has exchanged an indirect loss of dollars for a direct one. Before the British authorities began to deal in the transferable sterling markets "non-resident" holders of sterling could convert them into dollars, providing they were prepared to do so at a substantial discount on the official rate. This opened the way for arbitrage operations and resulted in a loss of dollar earnings.

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their pounds into dollars partly at least at the expense of the reserves. The gradual business slow-down, under way for a month or more, seemed to be grinding lower fabric prices in the wake of cheaper raw material costs. Reselling of the basic 80-square four-yard print at concessions of 1/4 to 1/2 cent from the mill level also made buyers hesitant. Small orders for fill-in needs constituted the main activity.

Mill executives, however, maintained a firm front on prices. They regarded the current hull as "seasonal" and anticipated a pick-up before long on the theory that consumer pipelines will need replenishing. Effect of the raw cotton price decline, the manufacturers contended, was minimized by the many other higher production costs.

BEST SHOWING

The best showing continued to be made in the wide industrial fabrics. Weavers of army uniforms reported a rapidly tightening situation with deliveries moving off into late April-May. Multiple inquiries also were reported for drills, satens, broken twills, cambricings, facings and wide sheetings.

A large Canadian concern reportedly made inquiries here for "substantial" amounts of tobacco cloth. This firm has been getting its goods from English mills in recent years, buyers said. Because the overseas weavers raised prices, the Canadians were probing the U. S. market.

In finished cotton goods, converters reported a general slow-down as manufacturers completed spring line programs. Japanese competition was reported as "another source of irritation" in finished goods. Converter complaints of increasing Japanese imports of completed garments finished and undressed, at prices low enough to show a situation of U. S. cut-throat and other consumers. — United Press.

U.S. Textile
Market

New York, Mar. 6.

A raw cotton price slump of around \$4 a bale drove the market down to the lowest levels in a year and acted to apply a tighter brake on new buying in the cotton cloth markets this week.

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Aluminium Ltd
Spending

Kingstown, Mar. 6.
Aluminium Ltd. will spend \$11,000,000 to expand the aluminium production capacity of Jamaica from 230,000 short tons per year to over 300,000 tons, according to Mr. Nathaniel V. Davis, President.

At Mandeville to inspect the Company's bauxite and aluminium subsidiary, Mr. Davis said the increased output will be used to supply aluminium requirements for the Kilmat aluminium smelter in Canada and other world markets.

He said most of the output is required for the plant additions but augmented storage facilities at the company's seaport and additional railway stock also are being provided. — United Press.

N.Y. STOCK
MARKET
REVIEW

By Elmer Walzer

New York, Mar. 6.
Stocks rose to new bull market highs this past week in the smallest volume since the week ended January 21.

Utilities stood out by making their best gains on averages since April 13, 1939. Natural gas issues spurred to help lift this figure. Their strength reflected hopes for modifications of regulations against the companies.

The market moved higher steadily with the industrials breaking all previous records in their average.

Traders were unaffected by the start of the Senate investigation. In fact, some of the statements made by those testifying helped the rise along. The president of the nation's largest exchanges found the market rise sound, based on strong business and good prospects.

GLOWING REPORTS

Also helping the market were glowing reports from the major lines of industry — steel operations heading for 95-98 per cent, according to Iron Age, near record output for the week and a record for this year believed by the head of General Motors.

Steels had wide gains, many rising to new highs. Metal issues generally moved up. Aluminum issues scored wide gains in several sessions. So did selected coppers.

The autos joined the upturn and were active late in the week. Rails achieved their best average level since 1930 and utilities since 1931.

Building stocks were aided by favorable reports from that industry. Heavy construction contract awards made so far this year are 58 per cent higher than they were at this time last year.

Electronics and many specialty lines joined the rise with vigour. Many special issues scored wide advances.

OIL FEATURE

The high-priced shares were features with Superior Oil of California rising well above 1,000 to secure its hold as the highest priced stock on the exchange. International Business Machines furnished fireworks in the two final sessions of the week.

Chemicals had their day on good reports from that industry. Airlines registered some new highs. Aircraft had periods of strength, notably Boeing which soared on receipt of a gigantic defence order. Some of the mercantile issues were prominent on the upside.

Investment demand helped along such issues as American Telephone and Procter and Gamble. Blue chips were leaders most of the time. — United Press.

HONGKONG
STOCK
EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$210,510. Main quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

GOVT. LOANS
3 1/2% (1948) 10,000 @ 91 1/2

INSURANCES
Union (1947) 500 @ 17

DOCKS, ETC.
K. Wharf 28.20 60

N. P. Wharf 28.20 10 300 @ 15 1/2

Provident (O) 18.10 10 100 @ 10.50

Whealock 7.10 7.20

LAND, ETC.
H. Hotel 18.40

UTILITIES
Tram 21.10 100 @ 179

Yankee Ferry 17.10 100 @ 17

C. Light (O) 17.10 100 @ 17

C. Light (N) 13.90 30 700 @ 34 1/2

Electric KD 34 1/2 30 700 @ 34 1/2

Macao Elec. 12 1/2 1800 @ 30

Telephone 22.90 1800 @ 30

INDUSTRIALS
Cement K. A. 20.00 300 @ 25 1/2

STONES, ETC.
Dairy (N) 20.20 20.60 1000 @ 20.40

Watson KD 13.40

COTTONS
Textile Corp. 6.10 6.20 1000 @ 6.20

Nanyang 6.10 2000 @ 6.20

MISCELLANEOUS
Yankee 5.90

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1) 5.88

Sterling notes (per £1) 15.20

Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 15.20

Siam baht (per 100) 20.20

Singapore (dollar) 1.20

Indo-China piastres (per 100) 0.42

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NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

SALES:

Friday, 11th March, at 12.00 noon for the UNITED KINGDOM via Straits, Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port Said.

BAGGAGE:

Passengers are requested to send ALL BAGGAGE to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co's Godown at No. 2 GATE, CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE, by Noon on Thursday, 10th March.

SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages carried by passenger themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co's Godown for loading on board by ship's elings only.

EMBARKATION: Passengers should embark between 9.30 and 11.00 a.m. on Friday, 11th March, 1955.

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LONDON STOCK MARKETS

Investors Snap
Up Bank Rate
Shock Bargains

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Mar. 6.

London stock markets recovered remarkably well from the bank rate shock. Bargains that appeared amongst the first class industrial shares as a result of the initial fall in prices proved irresistible and buying was further encouraged by the success of the Chancellor's measures.

The Financial Times industrial share index gained 6.4 to 185.3 in the first four days of the week and stood more than one point higher by Thursday's close than it had on the eve of the bank rate increase.

Gift-edged registered their biggest gain on the previous Friday when the index gained 1.82 to 98.09. Since then they have remained quietly firm.

SMALL INVESTORS

Buying by small investors raised sharply on Monday, but thereafter the advance was on a more modest scale.

On Wednesday's publication of the gold and dollar figures the markets turned dull and minus signs reappeared.

Prices began to edge upward again next day, but the markets were a good deal thinner than they had been at the beginning of the week. Flues predominated on Friday, but by this time buying was down to a trickle.

The biggest gains in ordinary shares were among those which fell most sharply on the bank rate change.

Great Universal Stores have risen 10s 8d to 44s 3d since Thursday of last week. Epps are up by 3s 3d to 78s 4 1/2d. Royce by 3s 4 1/2d to 78s 4 1/2d. Hawker Siddeley by 3s 7 1/2d to 49s 7 1/2d and P. and O. by 7s to 64s.

One of the brightest markets was in electrical equipment shares which went vigorously ahead on good results announced by Associated Electrical Industries whose stock gained 3s 8d to 68s 9d on the week.

STOCK SHORT

The reappearance of buyers in a market short of stock led to a brisk advance in demand for gold shares. Coppers improved.

The Bank of France
Statement

Paris, Mar. 6.
The Bank of France statement for week ended February 27, reads as follows:—

Total gold holding	2,231,231,420
Total other currencies	11,588,539,537
Eight balance abroad	68,408,029,481
Advances	188,000,000,000
Stable fund	1,071,941,099,737
Total bills discounted	2,462,000,000,000
Current accounts and deposits	121,896,004,000

—United Press.

The Bank of England
Statement

London, Mar. 6.
The Bank of England statement for the week ended Mar. 2, reads as follows:

Note in circulation	1,058,911,824
Public deposits	10,538,000,000
Private deposits	203,106,629
Government securities	288,284,194
Other securities	27,500,000
Receipts	58,522,704
Rate	10.5

—United Press.

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MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1955.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Problem Of The NSW Floods

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Mar. 2.

And so the floods came again and have left in their wake a trail of devastation, damage and misery that surpasses anything in living memory.

In the years since 1950 all our coastal towns have been washed out. Maitland has virtually lived with a bag packed ready to flee for the last six years; Grafton, Lismore and all the towns between have had their floods and produced their heroes, but never in history before have we had so many towns over such a wide area ravished by such mighty walls of water.

The Hunter is an old enemy of Maitland and kindred towns along its banks, but never have we had the Hunter, the Macquarie, the Castlereagh, the Namoi and the Peel—many of them hundreds of miles apart—so savagely out of control at the one time.

The floods have produced their heroes without number. The police, once more, have proved their worth in a way that defies description; the army has proved that they can endure hardship in peacetime as well as war; air-men have flown hundreds of missions with loads far more precious than bombs, and after seeing their homes, their cars, their furniture and their hopes swept away, the common people have struggled on to save those of the people next door.

What can we do to stop these floods? There have been hundreds of blueprints—one after every flood and each one has been washed away by the next wall of muddy water.

Old timers around the Hunter see one cause. Thirty years ago ships could navigate the Hunter from Newcastle to Maitland. Today they can't get a quarter the way. Thirty years ago there was 20 feet of water under Belmore bridge at Maitland. Today the river bed is higher than the river used to be—silt. The old-timers say the filling in of the channels naturally brings the water nearer the top of the banks, and so the flooding gets worse.

EXPERTS' OPINION

But the experts say that floods cannot be eliminated and that flood damage is inevitable so long as men choose to live on the flood plains of mighty rivers.

The most that can be hoped for, they say, is some degree of protection from flood damage.

Reservoirs to hold back the worst of the floods, levee banks to prevent them spreading from the river channel, dredging the channel to promote rapid get-away are ways of lessening the damage and danger, but such a scheme for the New South Wales network of rivers would cost hundreds of millions—so much that no government could contemplate spending it in days of sunshine when so many other things have to be done.

And man himself won't move from the rivers. Their flood plains provide some of the best soil in the world. They there, make money in good times; lose their all in the record floods of last week-end, clean up and start in again.

Speaking for ourselves, we cannot help wondering what keeps Maitland particularly so thriving, thriving city; what it is that makes men stay there to make it tick; why it doesn't become a ghost town to be washed away in the next flood—which will come as sure as rain falls on the hills.

LITTLE MAN'S FLOOD

But this flood has become the little man's flood—the little people who have queued outside radio stations and newspaper offices to give something to help those people who have gone through hell and high water in the last week.

True, the big business firms and the big-shot names have given their £1,000 and \$500 to the relief funds, but it is the workmen and the kids, the pensioners and the women down the corner shop who have poured in nearly £500,000 in a week for flood relief.

School youngsters have filled up baskets with pennies at their schools; every office has its list; banks, shops, clubs, under your door, in your field, in your house, and decided on a levy.

of 5/ a member; perhaps for the first time in the history of Australia a private citizen has given more than £200,000 since Friday, newspapers in every capital city are conducting appeals; food, blankets and clothing by the ton are pouring into flood relief depots in every town. The Red Cross in other countries—New Zealand and Holland—are sending aid.

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Somehow, it seems that we are a warm, generous people when the occasion arises. No matter how much governments and public bodies may do to help, we feel somehow or other that there is something here that we can help kick along.

The State Government so far has named its share of the relief at £100,000. We can only hope that this is the first bite at the cherry for it looks a little weak when measured against what the people have done.

KANGAROO BONNET

Drum Major Ralph Bradley, of the Griffiths Pipe Band, has a bonnet said to be the pride of the band and the district.

It is usually imported from Scotland, and made of tiny feathers, cost about £30 each, but without funds, the Griffiths Pipe Band couldn't afford one.

So Drum Major Bradley went out and shot a kangaroo.

A milliner made a wire frame-work, the tan skin was stitched over it, another friend dyed it, Mrs Bradley completed it—and the cost was less than 10s.

Return Tickets... Johnny Ray is due here again next week and Hopalong Cassidy will be back in October. Hopalong's last visit raised £20,000 for crippled children.

"BLACK GOLD"

Syndicates around the Wagga District are making up to £4,000 a day by rearing clover seed. The seed, which has brought Wagga its biggest boom, has been stemmed by townfolk "black gold".

Syndicates are paying labourers £50 a week to reap the seed, which is in short supply. Clover crop failures in three States has doubled prices from 2/6 to 5/ lb.

A leading Sydney seed merchant said this week that about 800 tons of the seed, sent from the district, had already been sold to graziers for pastures improvement.

One contractor, Sam Allen, said: "We are making about £1,000 and we've only got a medium-sized plant."

"This is a boom you only dream about."

There is nothing easy about reaping this clover seed—only the money makes it worth while.

The clover paddock is first mowed, then ploughed to loosen the seed and soil. Rollers are dragged over the paddock and the clover burs sticks to the sheepskin. Men pick the burs from the skin and a machine takes the seed from the burs.

"We pay our men £5 a day and keep with a bonus on production," Allen said. "They're getting in on the boom and earning up to £250 a week."

PEARL INDUSTRY
An attempt to save the Australian pearl industry, about 180 Japanese divers are to be admitted to Australia to work in the industry.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'm just wondering if this apron would look becoming on a short man with a 46 waist!"

FINAL STAGE IN MURDER TRIAL

Verdict Expected Today

The last stage in the trial of two young men charged with murder was reached this morning at the Criminal Sessions when the Trial Judge, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, summed up the case to the Jury.

The two accused were Yam Kwan-pak, alias Ah Kwan, 20, and Ho Kwong-tang, alias Ah Tang, 24. They were alleged to have murdered Police Constable Lui Shing at a playground along Chatham Road, Hunghom, on December 6 last year during a fight between a gang described by the Prosecution as "unscrupulous young men" belonging to an organisation known as "14 K" and some volley-ball players, among whom was the deceased.

The Jury empanelled to try the case comprised four men and three women.

Appearing for the first accused was Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, while second accused was defended by Mr Leo Wing-kam, instructed by Messrs Hastings and Co.

Prosecuting with Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, was Mr J. C. McRobert, Crown Counsel. Present for the Police were Chief Det. Insp. C. J. Askew and Det. Sub-Insp. D. E. W. O'Brien.

In his summing-up, Mr Justice Gregg warned the Jury of the danger of accepting unsworn statements and said that such statements were only evidence against the person making them. Regarding the statements made by the accused, His Lordship said the Jury could reject them unless they were satisfied they were freely and voluntarily made. His Lordship said he himself had been unable to find any evidence of duress by the Police against the accused in the making of those statements.

JUDGE'S WARNING
Mr Justice Gregg also warned the Jury of the uncorroborated evidence of accomplices. He said the evidence of one accomplice could not be corroborated by another.

Dealing with self-defence, His Lordship said that if the Jury was satisfied that the accused killed the deceased in self-defence, they were entitled to acquit. He also dealt with the question of provocation and said the Jury could return a verdict of manslaughter if they reached the conclusion that the death of the deceased had been caused unintentionally through provocation. No provocation, however, could make homicide justifiable or excusable.

After a retirement of about three-quarters of an hour, the Jury returned to Court for directions and was informed by Mr Justice Gregg that its verdict against each of the accused was of murder.

The Jury then retired again to deliberate further.

Australian representatives in Japan are at Present recruiting the divers. They will be admitted under strict agreement between the two Governments.

The Japanese will not be allowed to move on land outside Broome and Darwin, the bases from which they will operate.

Australian pearlers asked the Government to admit the divers and the Government agreed in spite of widespread protests from ex-servicemen's organisations.

ARMY DRIVER SUCCEEDS

IN HIS APPEAL Conviction Not Supported By The Evidence

Puisne Judge Mr Justice C. W. Reece this morning deprecated attempts to recover civil damages through criminal prosecutions. Holding that he was not satisfied that the evidence had borne out the offence, he quashed the conviction of an Army driver who had been fined and made to pay damages to a woman driver as a result of an accident on the Taiipo Market Bridge, last October.

Appealing against his conviction by New Territories Magistrate, Mr Creedon, for driving without reasonable consideration for other persons using the road, was Pte D. Holford of 1st North Stafford Regiment, Fanling. He was fined \$150 and ordered to pay \$270.50 to Lam Hang-yau for the damage to her car when she drove it against the bridge railings. Lam had testified that she was forced to do this to avoid the Army vehicle which began crossing the bridge from the opposite direction as she was also crossing.

"The Thing" Captured

Turns Out To Be An Alsatian Dog

The "seven-foot high creature covered in long grey hair" which attacked a young villager and put the Stanley villagers in fear for several days is nothing more monstrous than a huge Alsatian.

The Police caught the dog among some bushes in Ma Hang, Stanley, yesterday.

Police traced the owner, a village farmer, Low Chu, the gardener who had been attacked, was summoned and he identified the Alsatian as the "Thing."

The "Thing" was first reported when Low Chu was attacked when returning home at 10.30 p.m. A search was organised and several imprints on a vegetable plot found. Another villager also reported that she had been chased by the unknown creature.

A third villager said he had lost four of his chickens on the same night.

After a week-long search, a squad of Policemen located the dog among some bushes. The appearance of the dog tallied with descriptions supplied by the villagers.

When the owner was contacted, he told the Police that he had had the Alsatian for three years and had found it a very friendly one. He added he had lost his dog a few days before Low Chu was attacked.

Unlike the "Hound of the Baskervilles" the dog was in a playful mood when captured.

HK Residents Return

The P & O liner Corfu arrived this morning from the United Kingdom with many Hongkong residents returning from leave.

Among them were Mr O. F. Hamilton, Manager of Kai Tak Airport; Mrs W. Sprague, wife of the Assistant Director of Marine, and her daughter, Jennifer, returning to the Colony after completing her studies at Cheltenham, Kent; Mr S. J. G. Burt, Principal of the Hongkong Technical College; Mrs Burt and child; Mr Arthur Buckley, of the Marine Department, wife and child; Mr George Jeavons, of the PWD, wife and two children; the Rev. Bro. Paul O'Connell of St. Joseph's College, Inspectors Edward Shaw and Albert Shave, of the Hongkong Police; Mrs Stewart and three children.

Among the visitors were the Hon. Ernest Siddle and Mrs Siddle, who are making a leisurely trip to the Far East. Mr Siddle is the son of Lord Kinnaird.

Notable Visitor

Among the passengers disembarking were this morning from the RMS Corfu were: Professor P. M. Dine, FRS, Lecturer in Mathematics at Cambridge University, and Mrs Dine.

Prof. and Mrs Dine arrived from Bombay after attending the recent Indian Science Congress at Haridwar at the invitation of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research.

Prof. and Mrs Dine will return to England by way of Japan and the United States after a short stay here.

Contenting that he had been wrongly convicted on the summons, Holford submitted that the bridge was not considered by traffic authorities to be a one-way bridge. There was no notice to that effect at the time and there was no warning notice that the bridge was narrow and that drivers should stop, slow down or take care. In view of the very clear traffic signs throughout the Colony on other bridges this bridge could not have been regarded as a one-way bridge.

Holford claimed he was not at fault in attempting to cross at the same time as another vehicle coming from the opposite direction. The ruling of the Magistrate that it was the usual practice for traffic on a bridge to be one-way was not sufficient ground for the conviction, he submitted.

He said there was an ample clearance of 2½ feet for the two vehicles to pass.

NOT ASKED

He had had three years' experience in driving, but Lam was never asked about her driving experience, and he submitted that there was no real reason for her to run into the railing, as there was sufficient space between his vehicle and the other side of the road to allow her to pass.

Holford said that his officer was not asked to offer any evidence in his favour at the trial and no particulars were given of his financial position. In fact his pay was \$55 a week and it would take him 15 weeks to pay off the fine and compensation at \$30 a week.

Holford said that he had had no convictions for traffic offences and he believed he was considered by his officers to be a good driver.

The appellant also asked for a reconsideration of the fine.

Crown Counsel, Mr J. W. D. Hobley, said that the charge was the most minor of traffic offences. There was some evidence that the Army truck was driving on the bridge at rather a fast speed, and it would seem that on a fairly narrow bridge that would amount to driving without reasonable consideration. If one took the view, as the Magistrate did, that the woman was forced to the side by the appellant's driving then the offence was made out, but if one took the view that she did so in panic or anything else then it was not made out.

The Judge told the appellant, Chan Man, that it was through the generosity of Crown Counsel that he was now free. "Having this lucky streak you should leave this business alone for you won't be so lucky next time."

Mr Justice Reece declined to interfere with the sentence of nine months passed by Mr Durling on Ho Chu for stealing clothing from 7 Link Road on January 23. He pointed out to Ho that the Magistrate took into consideration eight previous convictions, three of which were for larceny and one for house-breaking.

He pleaded that he needed money at that time for medicine for a sick father.

APPEAL DISMISSED

Mr Justice Reece dismissed an appeal by Choi Nam against his conviction for entering No. 6 Salisbury Road with intent to steal and for stealing clothing there belonging to Mr H. J. Silva.

Choi was sentenced to a concurrent term of two years by Mr. Hoy on January 1. He contended he was wrongly convicted by the house and was arrested on suspicion. The Judge held that the evidence was sufficient to warrant a conviction on both counts.

VIETNAMESE NATIONAL DAY

The celebration of the Vietnamese National Day, which was due to take place tomorrow, has now been postponed to June owing to a change in date made by the government of Vietnam.

From Our Files

100 Years Ago

We are glad to have it in our power to state that there is every likelihood of a School being shortly established in Hongkong, by means of voluntary contributions, and without any assistance from the Government, which, since May 1841, when officials were first appointed and lands advertised for sale in Hongkong, up to the present day, has done nothing whatever for the education of children of English origin. For the thirty to forty thousand Chinese, a few school-houses have been run up, and pecuniary assistance doled out with a niggardly hand.

These facts having two weeks ago been casually stated, drew some attention to the subject, and under the impression that the community would support a School irrespective of Government, a plan, of the simplest description and in the fewest words, was sketched, and, with a subscription paper, taken round to a sufficient number of residents to obtain support for the scheme. The experiment, we are happy to say, leaves no doubt that the School will be amply supported, for already the subscriptions are sufficient to authorize its being set going, when the committee will have no doubt be able to extend the contributions. The number of persons asked to subscribe has been twenty-seven, of whom only two declined, or rather took time to consider, for we do not doubt they will by and by be among the most liberal supporters of the School. The subscriptions, most of them for three years, of the other twenty-five amount to \$1,335—made up of 4 of \$100 each; 1 of \$80; 15 of \$50 each; and 5 of \$25 each; the whole having been procured in two hours one day, and four hours the next.

THE OBJECT

The Subscribers will probably meet next week to appoint a Committee of Directors and constitute the school; and as a competent teacher could be found, it may be opened as soon as premises can be procured, which is likely to be in the course of next month. The object, as expressed in the heading of the paper, is to provide the means of education, at the cheapest rate, for "children of whatever nation, religion, class, or condition," and it seems to be the general opinion that neither church nor state should have any control over the institution—that in fact it should be strictly a lay school, where children of any religion, or no religion, are to be taught to read, write, and cast accounts.

We do not believe there is one of the subscribers who would willingly exclude religion; but neither is there one of them who does not feel that its introduction would greatly restrict the benefits, if not make shipwreck, of the school.

CONTROL DEPRECATED

The control of Government is scarcely less to be deprecated than the interference of the clergy, and it is a great misfortune that any grant of money would probably be burdened with such control, it has neither been asked for nor found necessary. There is however no reason why the individual members of the Government should not be invited to contribute in kind, some of them would, in their private capacity, be efficient and desirable directors of the institution, and are as anxious for its success as any member of the community. When the School is established, and it has been shown that the support is not absolutely essential to its success, the Directors might, with great propriety apply, not only for the erection of a school-house, but for grants of money—provided they are free gifts, untrammelled with any condition except as to their application for the support and extension of the school as already constituted and successfully conducted.

CORRECTION

In Reuter's report published in the China Mail, last Saturday, under the word of the British Empire Medal to Sergeant Peter Anderson for bravery in Hongkong, it was stated that he was a member of the Royal Army Service Corps.

The Hongkong military authorities point out that Sergeant Anderson is, in fact, attached to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

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